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Gorbachev concedes dominant role for republics in new body to run country

Soviet Communist party suspended

Gorbachev: stripped of his emergency powers

By Mary Dejevsky in Moscow and Our Foreign Staff

MORE than seven decades of communist domination in the Soviet Union were brought to a close yesterday when parliament suspended the party and froze its finances.

As the dismantling of the old order continued at break-neck speed, the republics asserted themselves to dominate the new-look national security council that will effectively run the country.

President Gorbachev, yesterday stripped of his wide-ranging emergency powers, the power of the centre and his own authority crumbled further with the signing of an economic and military treaty between Russia and the Ukraine. They invited other states of "the former USSR" to join their alliance.

Kazakhstan said it was looking for a similar accord, and its president joined the Ukrainian leader, Leonid Kravchuk, in calling for an urgent summit of all 15 republics to which Mr Gorbachev would not be invited.

The death knell for the Communist party had been sounded last week when it was banned in the Russian Federation, a move followed by President Gorbachev's resignation as general secretary. Yesterday, the Soviet parliament voted by 283 to 29 to suspend the party pending a judicial enquiry into its involvement in last week's abortive coup, but stopped short of banning it as an unconstitutional organisation.

President Bush welcomed the decision saying: "I frankly rejoice in the demise, the fall of the totalitarian non-democratic party."

A communiqué and statement on the Russo-Ukrainian accord shocked many in parliament with its presumption of the demise of the Soviet Union as a unitary state. The statement said that the "new political situation" would "accelerate freedom and full sovereignty for the republics", and the communiqué called on "all members of the former USSR to discuss a system of collective security".

The communiqué also said that the two republics promised to prevent the "uncontrolled disintegration of the Union", and agreed on the need for "temporary inter-republic structures" to keep the economy functioning during the transitional period.

A delegation from the Soviet parliament, led by the Leningrad mayor Anatoli Sobchak, had acted as moderator in the talks, pointing to a possible role for central institutions in the future. Afterwards, Mr Sobchak said: "The results of these negotiations are that the old union does not exist and there can be no return to it." He said the national parliament "ought to play a co-ordinating, an arbitrating role to prevent a misunderstanding from growing into a conflict".

The agreement between Russia and the Ukraine defused a dispute that had flared after the Russian leader, Boris Yeltsin, had issued a statement warning that it might demand a revision of borders with adjacent republics that decided to secede from the Soviet Union. The warning came shortly after the Ukrainian parliament had voted for independence. The two republics will now nominate representatives to continue talks.

As Mr Sobchak spoke, President Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan sent a message to Mr Yeltsin saying that tension was rising in his republic because there had been no clear-cut renunciation of Russian territorial claims there. "This can force the republic to take the same steps as the Ukraine. Special danger lies in the fact that Kazakhstan is a nuclear republic."

Mr Gorbachev yesterday sent a special delegation to Alma-Ata, the republic's capital because the situation there "got more complicated to-

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Major and Bush agree six-point USSR aid plan

From Robin Oakley, political editor, in Kennebunkport

PRESIDENT Bush and John Major agreed yesterday on a six-point programme of aid for the Soviet Union, which the prime minister will outline in talks with presidents Gorbachev and Yeltsin in Moscow on Sunday.

Mr Bush promised the world that there was no danger of nuclear misadventure through Soviet warheads falling into the wrong hands and paid lavish tributes to Mr Major's handling of the Soviet issue at the G7 summit. The two leaders agreed on the aid package during informal talks at the president's Kennebunkport holiday home.

Mr Major said existing food credits would be implemented. The need for direct food aid this winter would be assessed, with the G7 nations agreeing to pool their knowledge within a month.

Third, "lifeline teams" involving co-operation between public and private sectors would be sent to the republics to help to produce and distribute food. Existing know-how programmes and bilateral agreements on technical assistance would be refined and boosted. The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank would be involved more directly and finally, the International Monetary Fund would be asked to speed associate status for the Soviet Union.

The prime minister, as the current G7 chairman, is to co-ordinate the drive. He said at a joint Kennebunkport press conference with Mr Bush: "We cannot dictate the end of what is happening in the Soviet Union, but neither are we mere spectators."

As well as the American concession on the IMF, president Bush signalled that America would be following the EC in recognising the independence of the Baltic states. America was a "strong supporter of Baltic independence" and had told the Soviet authorities so. He added: "We have urged the Soviet leadership not to stand against the will of the inevitable" and said that he expected the Supreme Soviet to move to recognise Baltic independence, perhaps as soon as Monday.

One of the first issues that Mr Major will explore in his talks, which will embrace leaders of several Soviet republics as well as Mr Gorbachev and Mr Yeltsin on Sunday, is the control and siting of Soviet nuclear weapons. Both he and Mr Bush emphasised that urgent talks were needed.

Mr Bush said: "Nuclear weapons safety is totally guaranteed. At no time has there been any official concern about inadvertent use of nuclear weapons or something going awry." The matter had to be resolved, however, and he was confident it would be.

The success of yesterday's talks, conducted partly aboard the president's speedboat Fidelity, was shown when Mr Bush paid Mr Major a series of compliments even more generous than those that President Reagan used to bestow on Margaret Thatcher.

Mr Bush praised Mr Major's "counsel and judgment" on world affairs and hailed his chairmanship of the G-7 summit and its decision to put emphasis on practical assistance to the Soviet Union. The agreement was every bit as relevant today as it was then.

G7 still divided on how best to help

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

DESPITE general agreement in the Group of Seven that the West must do more to help reformers in the Soviet Union in the aftermath of the coup, the same divisions emerged at yesterday's meeting of experts as at the summit in London last month.

Britain took a more cautious line than its continental partners, especially Germany, which has called for an increase in the sums offered to President Gorbachev. Horst Koehler, the German representative, said before the meeting that G7 aid had been unbalanced up to now. He called for a change in the "tactical, political approach" by the other members.

But he voiced the concern of all when he said it was difficult to know with whom G7 should now be negotiating. And Bonn has made clear that it believes it has so far carried a disproportionate share of Western aid.

Farewell to a friend: the Princess of Wales leaving the funeral of Adrian Ward-Jackson at Grosvenor chapel, Mayfair, yesterday. Mr Ward-Jackson, a former chairman of the Arts Council's dance panel and a former governor of the Royal Ballet, died of Aids last week. The princess had broken her family holiday to keep vigil at his hospital bedside. Wearing a black pencil skirt, a black fitted jacket and a broad-brimmed black hat and veil, she arrived 20 minutes early for the funeral, escorted by Mr Ward-Jackson's brother, Nicholas. They joined more than 150 mourners who included Lord Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, and Nicholas Serota, director of the Tate Gallery.

Scotland Yard links IRA to Tube firebombs

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

OFFICERS of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad believe three incendiary devices discovered under a seat in a London Underground train yesterday could have been abandoned by an IRA bomber.

The bombs, built into small plastic boxes with 11-hour timers, were found by a cleaner working overnight at a depot in Hammersmith, west London, clearing a carriage in a periodic "strip clean". The depot is open 24 hours a day. The full cleaning process was last carried out on the Metropolitan line carriage in February just before IRA attacks on Paddington and Victoria stations which caused disruption of services and one death.

After the discovery, searches were carried out on other trains before the start of the morning service. No other devices were found.

Detectives are awaiting laboratory examination to see if the devices were primed but they have little doubt about their origins. They are said to match 20 incendiaries found abandoned at Preston station in a holdall in April and a dozen planted in Manchester stores. Police believe they also match a device used earlier this month to start a fire in a West End public house.

London Underground said: "We are urgently discussing with the anti-terrorist police what security measures we need to take. Anybody who is determined to plant something like that will find a place and we have to rely on people keeping their eyes open. We may look at our publicity which is on permanent display in stations and trains to see if the message needs to be reinforced."

More frequent inspections of closed areas in trains could begin if police consider it necessary, said David Harland, assistant chief inspecting officer of railways with the Health and Safety Executive. "Up to now we have not had cause for concern, but this incident might lead us to reconsider."

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And finally ... I'm no longer headline news

By Bill Frost

SIR Alastair Burnet, for 25 years the brightest star in the fragile television news firmament, went quietly into the dark night yesterday, having presented his last bulletin for ITN.

He had made it plain before his final programme that people who read the news, albeit with unmatched composure and gravitas, should not be the stuff of headlines themselves. A cameraman outside the company's Grays Inn Road studios, once the headquarters of *The Times*, said: "All the clichés apply: it is the end of an era, *News at Ten* will not be same without him. Alastair is an impossible act to follow."

Reporters and photographers were told he wanted his last day at ITN to be like any other: no fuss, no photocalls and no interviews.

Sir Alastair, a past master at sonorous obituaries himself, wanted none of the unctuous platitudes some of his fellow journalists trot out in such sad circumstances. An ITN spokeswoman said: "He is a very shy person really, very private. *Hello* magazine offered him a four-page colour spread. They got quite angry when he declined."

Respected by viewers but ridiculed by *Private Eye* and *Spitting Image*, Sir Alastair was the pink, craggy face that launched and then dominated *News at Ten* for 24 years. His serious persona — a concerned frown, a jutting jaw, and a downward fall in the voice — left the viewer in no doubt: something was up, trouble was brewing somewhere.

The Burnet light touch was reserved for football results and cricket scores. One could almost hear a giggle as he told the watching millions that one side had gone down with particular ignominy.

His "And finallys", ostensibly amusing tailpieces to *News at Ten*, left many viewers baffled on occasion. One ITN scriptwriter said: "Sir Alastair wrote them himself. Let's just say his sense of humour is rather different. Anyway, in two years or so I never got the joke."

Sir Alastair's departure from *News at Ten* came at a time when morale among staff at ITN had taken something of a battering, with defections to rival networks, internecine rows, sackings and cash problems. He himself stood out against the cost-cutting and the redundancies, resigning from the board last May but keeping his role as senior newscaster and associate editor.

Spitting Image presented Sir Alastair as a fawning courtier — he is reputed to have made £1 million from his *ITN Book of the Queen Mother* — but even the

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Heseltine may renege on pledge to scrap local-tax payers' register

Heseltine: forced to go back on promise

By DOUGLAS BROOM
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE government is preparing to go back on a promise that detailed registers of local-tax payers would be scrapped at the same time as the community charge.

The social security department has told councils that to operate a complex system of benefits under the new council tax they would need to know who lives in up to four-fifths of the properties in their area. Councils would also need to record details of each occupant's income and savings and whether or not they suffered from any disability.

A confidential paper prepared by the department and discussed at a meeting between civil servants and local authority officials on Wednesday says councils will be expected to administer and police the new benefit system. If they fail to control fraud, the paper suggests councils might suffer financial penalties that could lead to higher council tax bills for all residents.

Given the scope of the new council tax benefit and discount system, local authorities fear it might become a register of adults requiring more personal details than the poll tax.

When the poll tax was abolished earlier this year, Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, said there would no longer be any need for councils to keep registers of local-tax payers.

The environment department said it did not intend to specify the exact method by which councils would collect information.

The decision to go back on the commitment to scrap registers was prompted by the need to emphasise the individual element of the new council tax after pressure from Conservative backbenchers. Although council tax levels will be based on property values, entitlement to rebates will depend not only on the number of people living in a property but also their income and state of disability, the paper says.

At least a third of all households in Britain are made up of people living alone and they will automatically qualify for a 25 per cent discount on the council tax bill. The new registers will also cover households where occupants are entitled to a rebate because they are students, on a low income, receiving social security benefits, or disabled.

The new benefit rules, outlined in the paper, would require councils to investigate the status of all people living in a property even if only one of them submitted a claim for a rebate. Some adults will be entitled to a status discount of 25 per cent if they are, for example, students.

Under the council tax all households will be deemed to have two occupants. Some households would save money by nominating an elderly family member or a student as the tax payer. Councils would be under a duty to advise people on "the better buy". The paper also says councils must "control benefit expenditure" and local authorities believe this will mean retaining investigation staff used for the poll tax.

David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, said: "This is evidence that the council tax cannot be administered without a register of individual adults in each area. There are now serious questions about the administrative feasibility of this tax. The spectre of snoopers enquiring into the personal lives of everyone in the household is raised by these proposals.

"In an effort to unite the two wings of the Conservative party the simplicity of a basic property tax has been replaced with a monstrous hybrid."

Blunkett: fears tax may be snoopers' charter

Campaign to save Twyford Down wins backing from EC

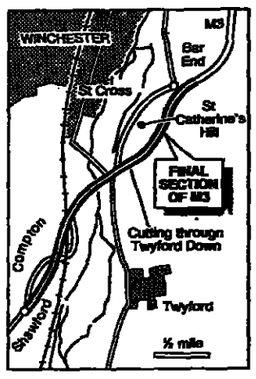
By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN faces prosecution in the European Court over three road schemes, including the proposal to run the final section of the M3 through Twyford Down, Hampshire, one of the most heavily protected landscapes in the country.

Carlo Ripa di Meana, the European environment commissioner, will send a formal letter to the government opening proceedings for alleged infringement of community law by plans for the M3 project, for the East London River Crossing road, which will bisect Oxleas Wood, Greenwich, southeast London, the capital's last important piece of ancient woodland, and for the M11 extension through Leyton and Leytonstone, northeast London.

Community sources in Brussels confirmed yesterday that a formal letter beginning infringment proceedings under Article 169 of the Treaty of Rome would be sent soon. The government's response will determine whether the case goes forward for prosecution in the European Court.

The transport department said last night that no comment would be made until the letter had been received. At issue is whether a community directive, embodied in English law from July 1988, applies to road schemes already in the pipeline. The government says it does not; the European Commission now says it does. After nine months' consideration, Signor Ripa di Meana and his Brussels lawyers are supporting British campaigners who say that the three projects breach a 1985 directive requiring assessment of environmental impact. In none of the three schemes involved have environmental impact assessments been carried out.



The commissioner's intervention will be embarrassing for Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, who said earlier this year that he wanted to see a "greener" form of road planning take more account of environmental costs, and will cause delays, perhaps of years, in the construction schemes if public enquiries are reopened. The first contract for the Twyford Down project has just been advertised and work is due to begin soon.

Barbara Bryant, vice-chairman of the Twyford Down Association, said last night: "We hope that the European Commission may now rescue Twyford Down and its outstanding landscape from destruction by Mr Rifkind and his minions, and in so doing may secure the future of other pieces of cherished countryside threatened by the government's roads programme."

The European decision that the directive is being breached contradicts the view of Mr Justice McCullough, who last October dismissed a High Court application, brought by the Twyford Down Association at a cost of £100,000, to have the M3 scheme quashed.

All three proposed roads have aroused strong opposition from local campaigners, with particularly fierce objections to the M3 scheme, which will carve a cutting 100ft deep and 400ft wide through Twyford Down outside Winchester, containing two scheduled ancient monuments and two sites of special scientific interest, and part of an area of outstanding natural beauty.

TONY WHITE

Garden party: inmates tending the gardens at Maidstone prison, Kent, which yesterday received the Windlesham trophy for the best kept prison garden. The two-hectare estate, which provides employment for 14 prisoners supervised by an instructor officer, includes brightly planted ornamental gardens and a water garden

Labour's economic remedies attacked

By NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S economic policies came under fire yesterday from its political opponents as its leaders prepared for today's Edinburgh summit on the recession.

Neil Kinnock has called the meeting of his shadow cabinet colleagues to finalise a package of measures intended to offer the country a swift escape from its economic ills. But the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats poured scorn on the exercise, predicting that the Opposition's remedies would lack credibility.

John MacGregor, the Commons leader, maintained that Labour's approach was undermined by its repeated neglect of inflation and its profligacy on public spending. He said that the party's emergency programme would only carry conviction if the Labour leader accepted that lower inflation was a prerequisite to steady growth and if he pruned drastically his colleagues' spending plans.

Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, said that it was senseless to think that a few cosmetic tricks could tackle the country's fundamental economic weaknesses.

"We need a new approach to economic policy that stresses the long term and is backed by constitutional change that will ensure stability," he said. "We need inbuilt protection against the resurgence of inflation, a resolute pro-competition policy and an unambiguous commitment to European monetary union and the single currency."

Lennon card fetches £8,800

Mementoes of John Lennon's life with his first wife, Cynthia, sold at auction yesterday for more than £56,843 in total. An anonymous Japanese bidder bought an eight-page card drawn by Lennon aged 18 for £8,800, at Christie's in London. The card, entitled *Our First Christmas*, showed a long-haired, unshaven, bespectacled Lennon gazing lovingly at fellow art student Cynthia.

A letter in which Lennon expressed his joy at becoming a father, and a drawing sketched under the influence of LSD, were among the 48 lots sold.

Adverts warning

Operators of pornographic telephone lines were told yesterday to stop placing "unacceptably offensive" advertisements or risk being driven out of business. Icstis, which supervises standards of telephone information services, ruled that 62 of 104 advertisements for chatlines and recorded message services found in *The Sport*, *Daily Mirror* and *Daily Star* one day in May breached its code of conduct.

Testing time

Docklands Light Rail services are expected to return to normal this morning after a three-day suspension caused by engineering works and safety tests. The railway should have resumed normal services on Tuesday after being shut down during the bank holiday weekend for engineering work. However, not enough time was allowed to complete the 2,400 safety tests on the signalling system.

Crime accord

Britain yesterday ratified a European convention on co-operation against crime, which ministers and police hope will reduce many of the current legal bars to action against international criminals. Under the convention, judicial documents such as summonses issued by courts abroad can be served in Britain and courts will be able to ask for assistance in gathering evidence.

Party allegiance holds firm as election looms

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE political mood of the nation seems settled as the three main parties polish newly minted campaign slogans for an election that must be held within the next 10 months.

August was a month when allegiances remained fixed in the pattern established in late June. Averaging the five opinion polls published during that month gives Labour a five-point lead against the Conservatives.

It has 43 per cent, the Tories 38 per cent and the Liberal Democrats 14.1 per cent — exactly in line with the average five-point advantage the Opposition has enjoyed in 14 out of the last 15 polls stretching back to June 21.

None of the parties can draw much satisfaction from the latest figures. Governments usually claw back a point or two during the summer, but this time there are few signs that the holiday mood is favouring the Tories. Mr Major's renewed prominence on the world stage as the West tries to come to terms with the Soviet upheaval has yet to filter through into a resurgence of popular support for his party. Overall, there is little to encourage John Major to risk an autumn election.

Labour is pleased to find that its lead has not diminished, but its chiefs must be worried that the party has not gain more support from the worst recession in a decade.

The Liberal Democrats have slipped back from scores in the high teens recorded after their victory at Ribble Valley in March.

They are well below the 22.6 per cent of the vote they secured and must do better to avoid losing seats.

Tube safety overhaul wins muted approval

By MICHAEL DYNES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

LONDON Underground's attempts to overhaul its safety procedures since the King's Cross fire in which 31 people died were given qualified approval by a Health and Safety Executive report yesterday.

The executive said that London Underground had made significant progress in introducing a management structure capable of implementing formal safety procedures. However, only eight of the 26 safety recommendations made after the fire, in November 1987, had been implemented fully.

In an attempt to evaluate the progress made by Underground managers overseeing the introduction of new safety procedures, four Health and Safety Executive officials shadowed staff working on the Piccadilly and Metropolitan lines, and the lifts and escalators division. Of three safety audits, two reached the standard set by London Underground, and one fell just below, officials said.

"The survey team formed a favourable view of the commitment to improve health and safety," the report said.

● London Underground is to introduce measures to eliminate the threat presented by staff using drugs. They are likely to include routine drug-testing for people recruited for safety related jobs, post-employment drug screening, and staff education and awareness campaigns.

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Low-grade teachers on the increase, say heads

Staff who would once have been rejected are now taking classes. **David Tytler** studies a survey

HEAD teachers of state and independent schools united yesterday to warn the government that an acute shortage of highly qualified graduates was leading to unsatisfactory teaching in some national curriculum subjects.

"Teaching is in danger of attracting only low-grade graduates from low-grade institutions," Geoffrey Parker, chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, which represents 230 of the country's leading independent schools, said. The problem of inadequately qualified teachers was widely acknowledged by heads but "for a variety of reasons it had been covered up".

Mr Parker, High Master of Manchester Grammar School, was speaking at the London launch of a survey into the shortage of secondary teachers commissioned jointly by the conference, the Secondary Heads' Association and the Girls' Schools' Association.

The survey of 208 head teachers by Professor Alan Smithers of Manchester University shows that many subjects are being taught by teachers without the relevant qualification. Forty per cent of the heads said they were understaffed, 57.9 per cent said that they coped by using teachers from other subjects, 31.4 per cent by having larger classes and 10.6 per cent by arranging fewer lessons.

Heads said that nearly 10 per cent of vacancies could not be filled and 25 per cent filled only with great difficulty. Their main reasons for being unable to make satisfactory appointments were: no applicants (24.2 per cent), too few applicants (33.8) and poor quality of applicants (36.9). Heads were asked to judge the quality of the teachers who were seeking jobs and up to 33 per cent were judged to be adequate — a euphemism for teachers who were only just acceptable — or worse.

The head of a comprehensive school in the southwest of England told the researchers: "I have really struggled to find good quality teachers. In modern languages I have invited people for interview who a few years ago I would have totally disregarded. I cannot emphasise enough how demoralising it is to let unqualified and temperamentally unsuited people into the profession simply because there is no one else."

About 12.5 per cent of classes for 11 to 13-year-olds and 10 per cent of those for 14 to 16-year-olds were taught by teachers lacking a main qualification in the subject. The vacancies hardest to fill were in modern languages (52.8 per cent), music (42.2) and science (41.1).

Castle: poor teachers put children off subjects

Enid Castle, president of the Girls' Schools' Association and head of Cheltenham Ladies' College, said that when she recently advertised for a physics teacher she received replies from only three candidates, who were unsuitable. On re-advertising she received two further applications. "Children are greatly influenced by their teachers ... A child who believes that a teacher is not competent will not choose that subject. A poor physics teacher, for example, will put people off physics," she said.

Chris Lowe, president of the Secondary Heads' Association, said that the national curriculum was putting extra pressure on heads to find staff to teach the legally required subjects. "We may have to consider whether it is better to teach the national curriculum with the wrong teachers or say we cannot do this and that the teachers will be better teaching their own subjects," Mr Lowe said.

The education department said that many experienced teachers without degrees were doing valuable work in schools and should not be undervalued. Teachers were often qualified to take A-level classes even when their degrees were in different subjects, because they had covered the A-level subjects within their qualification.

Diabetics launch legal fight

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

GENETICALLY engineered human insulin, a substance that some diabetics claim carries dangerous side-effects, is given strong support in a study published yesterday.

The findings, which indicate that synthetically made human insulin holds no more risks than insulin from pigs or cattle, came as lawyers met at the Law Society in London yesterday to set up a steering committee to seek compensation for more than 400 diabetics. They allege they have been harmed by having their treatment switched from the animal insulin to the synthetic human form.

The committee is to be chaired by Peter Stott, a solicitor based in Leigh, Lancashire, who represents a man who is the first diabetic to attempt an action. Some diabetics say that the number of unforeseen hypoglycaemic attacks, which can cause blackouts and comas, has risen sharply after they were prescribed the synthetic human hormone.

Being aware of the onset of hypoglycaemia is important to diabetics, allowing them the chance to eat sugary food to stave off an attack. About 25,000 insulin-dependent diabetics could seek suits, making it one of the biggest medical negligence cases.

The study that questions ose claims, and which was lished yesterday in *The* , came from a team at the University of Liverpool, department of medicine, Royal Liverpool hospital, who examined the effects of giving animal and then human insulin to seven patients who have claimed side-effects.

The scientists found that awareness of hypoglycaemia was the same for porcine and human insulin among the patients, who volunteered for the study.

☐ Supermarkets will offer leaflets, stickers and balloons next month exhorting Britons to abandon fatty foods in favour of ones that are low-fat, starchy, and high in fibre.

The campaign, Food for the Heart, is being orchestrated by the Health Education Authority and the health department. Some nutrition experts fear, however, that the public may once again ignore the advice.

The overwhelming evidence for almost ten years has been that heart disease, which claims about 180,000 lives annually in Britain, can be cut by switching to low-fat foods. Too many Britons still appear attached to the delights of pie and chips rather than the long-term health benefits said to be acquired from foods such as pasta, rice, fish and a beany salad.

Dried-out Britons are urged to thirst after good health

By ROBIN YOUNG

ONE third of Britons do not take enough liquids, according to a Tea Council survey which found that while the average person downs 1,300 cups of tea a year, almost a third of those surveyed did not drink enough to stay healthy.

The amount of fluid needed each day varied according to weight, height and exercise levels, but two pints were an absolute minimum, said Vincent Marks, who holds the chair of clinical biochemistry at Surrey university and who carried out the study. The average requirement is 1¾ litres.

Drinking too little contributes to bladder complaints, kidney stones and cystitis, a chronic complaint among women. All are known to increase in summer when fluid intake should be increased.

More than two-thirds of the survey's 3,530 respondents said that they were concerned about the quality of tap water for drinking, but water remains the nation's third most popular drink, after tea, which accounts for two-fifths of fluid intake, and coffee.

The survey highlighted a desire for better labelling about additives and sugar in drinks. Three-fifths of those surveyed said they thought drink labels should be clearer.

Additives attracted the highest level of concern, followed by sugar, colourings and preservatives. More than two-fifths were worried that their drinks might not be sufficiently clear about fat content, while a third were concerned about calories and caffeine. On all counts, women were more worried than men.

The average child drinks more than ten cans of fizzy drink a week, the report estimates. Professor Marks said that while children should be encouraged to drink sufficient fluid, canned soft drinks were an expensive way of consuming coloured water.

Although the average child drinks more water, fruit drinks and tea by volume than fizzy drinks, the latter are consumed in greater quantities than milk or other hot drinks.

☐ Britons will spend £950 million on over-the-counter medications, a tenth more than last year, and the market should exceed £1 billion by 1994, according to the market researchers, Mintel. Though large, it is still less than half the amount spent on whisky.

Sales of dietary supplements, Mintel calculates, have doubled since 1987, and growth in this sector alone is expected to account for more than a quarter of the increase in the total over-the-counter health-care market this year.

Sales of analgesics are still the largest health-care sector, and headaches remain the minor ailment most likely to be the target of self-medication. More than half the respondents had used medicines bought over the counter to treat headaches for themselves or their families in the past three months. A third treated their own coughs with non-prescription medicines and a quarter or more tackled sore thoats, colds and cuts in the same way.

Dietary supplements, though, are now close to overtaking analgesics as the biggest sellers. Treatments for diarrhoea are having a strong run, prompted largely by the introduction of new formulations for children, while increased incidence and awareness of hayfever and other allergies has stimulated "healthy growth" in sales in a relatively new specialist sector, particularly for recently introduced products which do not induce drowsiness.

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Orkney chief had not read Cleveland case report

By Kerry Gill

PAUL LEE, the Orkney islands' social work director, said yesterday that he had not read the full report compiled by Lord Justice Butler-Sloss into the Cleveland sex abuse enquiry, either before or since nine children were taken from their homes after allegations of ritual sex abuse.

Under cross-examination at the enquiry in Kirkwall, before Lord Clyde, Mr Lee said he had read a shortened version but that he had not had the time to read the full text. "I would like to read everything that comes across my desk, but it is not always possible," he told Nigel Morrison, QC, counsel for two of the four families involved.

Mr Lee said that, with hindsight, it would have been helpful to have read the full report. Asked why he had still not read it, he said it was because so much had been happening and there had been so many pressures on him. He said that the Scottish guidelines, "Effective Intervention", took account of the Butler-Sloss recommendations.

Mr Lee was asked whether any approaches to the families were made concerning the allegations, made by three children aged seven, eight and nine, before their own children were seized in a series of dawn raids on February 27. He replied that it was difficult to conduct such investigations in such a small community as South Ronaldsay, the island where the families lived.

Mr Morrison suggested that it would have been relatively easy to ask questions within such a small community. Mr Lee replied that local people supporting the W family, whose three children made the original allegations, had said that the family was guiltless and, therefore, his department did not know who might have been colluding when it came to the issue of the four families B, H, M and T.

Later, pressed on the lack of support offered by his department to the four families after their children were taken, he said a great deal of anger had built up on the island. "It was very difficult to go into South Ronaldsay at the time, and the convener of the council indicated he had communication with an individual who was making threats that, if I personally went into South Ronaldsay, I would not return."

Mr Morrison asked him about the seizures: "Was it really a fishing expedition to see what you or the police could find out?" Mr Lee said: "No, it was an action taken to protect the children, and the police were also involved because they wished to collect any evidence there might be."

He was asked by Mr Morrison whether he had any information that the children were at risk of further assault or intimidation. Mr Lee said: "The view that we took was that that could be a possibility and, therefore, we felt the children needed to be away from home."

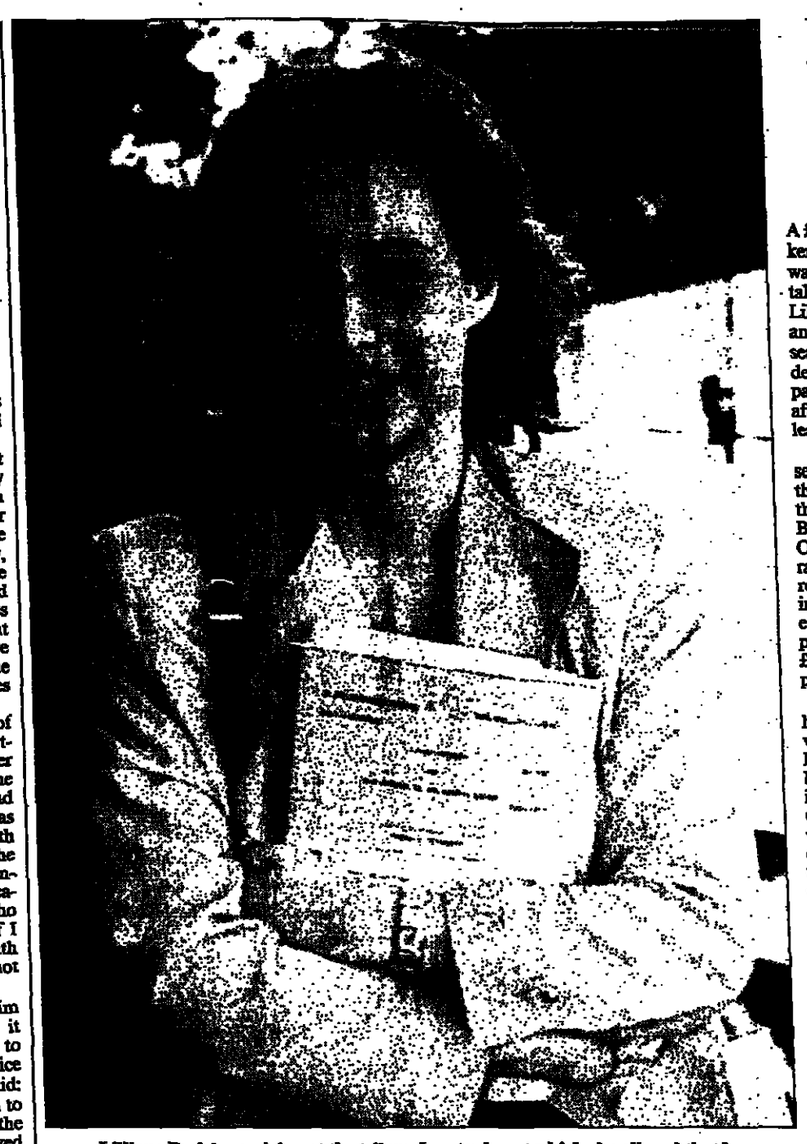
He said: "We did not know who, in effect, knew or did not know, or who might be colluding ... That was the major reason why we did not make any other investigations prior to taking action."

Asked about recommendations made in the Butler-Sloss report regarding the treatment and care of children, Mr Lee agreed that it was important to follow them "in an ideal world". One of the Butler-Sloss recommendations was that children should be interviewed only once or twice a week. Mr Lee was asked how often the children in this case were interviewed. He understood that it was two or three times a week, but that he saw only some transcripts. Mr Morrison asked him if he would be surprised or shocked to hear that one of the W children, Q, underwent eight interviews. He said that he understood that the children were given a free choice over whether they took part.

He admitted that his department had not brought in a child psychologist to help in the interviews of the three children who made the original allegations. After being asked three times if it would have been wise to ask a psychologist to attend the interviews, he said that with hindsight it would have been appropriate.

Earlier in the enquiry, Mr Lee had said it was difficult to see how the three children's allegations could be ignored, as the children were separated and the statements made over a period of time. He has repeatedly told Mr Morrison that many of his questions should be directed to others, in particular to Sue Miller, his senior social worker.

The enquiry continues today.



Lilliane Preisler arriving at the tribunal yesterday at which she alleged that her rapid promotion at work had been halted because of her pregnancy

Baby cost broker £150,000 job, tribunal is told

A £150,000-a-year money broker alleged yesterday that she was forced out of her job after taking time off to have a baby. Lilliane Preisler, aged 31, told an industrial tribunal in Chelsea, west London, that she was denied promotion and bonus payments totalling £50,000 after being given maternity leave to have her first child.

Selwyn Bloch, her representative, told the tribunal that Mrs Preisler had joined the City-based brokers Euro Brokers Capital Markets in October 1987, and had risen rapidly to the top. Her salary rose from £14,000 to £70,000 in two years, he said. By the end of 1989, Mrs Preisler's package was worth at least £150,000, including a company car and bonuses.

Mr Bloch said: "She was a highly successful woman who was rising rapidly up the ladder." Mrs Preisler, who was born in Belgium and is fluent in English, French, Dutch and German, was a swaps broker who specialised in European currencies and dealt with all the company's large corporate clients.

In October 1989, she told Cindy Buggins, the managing director, that she was expecting a baby the following May, the tribunal was told. Soon afterwards, Mrs Preisler was allegedly told that her bonus had been cut by £10,000, but that she would receive an "enhanced maternity package" when she returned to work after the birth.

In January 1990, two male colleagues at the same level were promoted to company manager positions but Mrs Preisler was not. Mrs Preisler told the hearing: "I asked Mrs Buggins why I had not been promoted and she said she could not promote me because of my pregnancy.

"I found it very insulting and humiliating, but I did not think there was really anything I could do about it. And I was assured that, when I returned to work, I would get the promotion."

In November 1990, while still on maternity leave after having her child, she said she received a letter from the company threatening to sue her if she left before her contract ended.

In January this year, she returned to work and learnt that she would not get a pay rise that would have increased her package to £160,000. She said she was not given the promised £35,000 maternity package, and she found out that she had lost six valuable clients whose business made up one third of her earnings.

"It took months to build up the list of clients I had," she said. "I was probably the most successful member of the firm at my level and I was earning lots of money, but I tended to keep quiet about that."

Mrs Preisler, of Golders Green, northwest London, resigned on January 10. She is claiming that she was constructively dismissed on the grounds of sexual discrimination.

The hearing continues.

SATURDAY REVIEW

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Not even Miss Marple would finger Susan Chitty as a potential murderer, and yet . . . Chitty on the diaries of Antonia White, mother

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The Great Cornish Fishing Village rescue, a Saturday Offer you can't refuse from Frances Bissell, the early years of D H Lawrence, the last of the magnificent seven (wonders of the world), Robin Young on mild beer, Alan Franks on the George Formby trail

Mother's call halts funeral

By Craig Seton

THE mother of a man shot dead by police marksmen said yesterday that she would not let him be buried until the officers involved were charged with his murder.

The funeral of Ian Gordon, aged 24, was to be held on Tuesday, but after an inquest into his death was adjourned yesterday at Telford, Shropshire, Daphne Gordon said through a solicitor that her son's burial should not go ahead.

Ian Gordon, who had been receiving psychiatric treatment, was shot by two West Mercia police marksmen behind a public house in Wellington, Shrophshire, on August 12. He had been seen carrying a pistol which was found to be an unloaded airgun. His death was followed by two days of rioting when gangs of youths went on the rampage in the area.

Pauline Hirons, the coroner's officer, told the inquest that a post-mortem examination by a Home Office pathologist revealed that the cause of death had been a massive blood loss due to gunshot wounds to Mr Gordon's chest and abdomen.

Clive Atkinson, assistant chief constable of Merseyside, who is investigating the shooting, said that his enquiry team had taken 135 witness statements.

Michael Gwynne, the East Shropshire coroner, adjourned the inquest to a date to be fixed and said that the circumstances of the death suggested that a jury would be appointed to sit with him at the full hearing.

Doctor is suspended after death of woman

A DOCTOR has been suspended while police investigate a suspected case of euthanasia at the Royal Hampshire county hospital, in Winchester.

The unnamed doctor, a senior member of the hospital's medical staff, could face criminal charges.

The man leading the inquiry, Detective Superintendent Peter Long, said yesterday that police were collecting evidence after the death of an elderly woman two weeks ago. "There are certain guidelines laid down for the conduct of medical people and it may be that medical people have not strictly adhered to the procedures," he said.

"I'm trying to find if anyone has acted outside medical ethics or has broken the law. The nature of the inquiry makes it difficult to determine whether an offence has been committed, but we will be compiling a report."

He said there had been no complaint from the woman's family, who had requested that she "be allowed to rest in peace". There had been no post-mortem examination and there would be no inquest.

The district general administrator for Winchester health authority, Mike James, refused to comment on the death of the patient. He said: "As soon as information came to light, we acted swiftly and a member of our consulting staff was immediately suspended.

"I would like to assure all those who have been treated at the hospital or who are currently receiving treatment that they have absolutely nothing to fear."

A tot before you go, bach

By Alan Hamilton

RATHER in the manner of a corgi snapping at the heels of a vast Highland cow, a Welshman has challenged the might of Scotland by taking out a licence to distil whisky in Wales.

Production of the Prince of Wales-brand single malt Welsh whisky is expected to start in January, in copper pot stills now being assembled at Brecon, Powys. Dafydd Gittins, a local businessman, has obtained a provisional licence from Customs and Excise to commence distilling and to operate a bonded warehouse. He expects his product to be available early in 1995.

Mr Gittins said it would be unlike any known scotch. Welsh whisky will be made from a strain of Welsh barley developed in Aberystwyth, malted at Llandilo, filtered through Welsh herbs and cut to bottling strength with Welsh water, giving it a slightly sweet and distinctive nose with a possible hint of Cognac about it, Mr Gittins said.

The last Welsh whisky distillery, at Bala, Gwynedd, closed in 1906. For the past 16 years, Mr Gittins has been selling a so-called Welsh whisky with "Product of Wales" on the label, but it is in fact Tomatin, a well-known Speyside malt produced by a Japanese-owned distillery.

Welsh whisky has found a small export niche in the Far East. "It is something different, and the Japanese have heard of Wales because there are 169 Japanese factories here," Mr Gittins said yesterday. That the drink is sold in crystal decanters shaped like rugby balls does not seem to have affected sales in spite of the current sorry state of the national game.

News that Mr Gittins plans to produce 14,000 cases annually was greeted with disdain in Scotland, which last year produced 66 million cases, equivalent to 436 million litres of alcohol. Tony Tucker, spokesman for the Scotch Whisky Association, noted two things about his rival: that Mr Gittins had bought his stills from Scotland, and that he was proposing to mature his spirit for the legal minimum of three years. The finest malt scotch slumbers in the cask for up to 25 years.

Mr Gittins is unrepentant. He is already selling 10,000 cases a year of his relabelled Tomatin in Japan and other Pacific markets.

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SEA POLLUTION

Chemical dumping blamed for seal and dolphin deaths

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

SEALS, dolphins and porpoises may all have been injured by chemicals released into the sea in large quantities since the 1920s.

Dr John Harwood, of the Sea Mammal Research Unit in Cambridge, told the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science in Plymouth yesterday that the chemicals mainly to blame were probably organochlorines. These include insecticides such as DDT, dieldrin and mirex, and polychlorinated biphenyls, widely used as hydraulic fluid and fire retardants from the 1920s to the late 1960s.

For the past 20 years the manufacture and discharge of these chemicals has been tightly controlled in developing countries, but Dr Harwood said there had probably been continued large-scale production in Eastern Europe. "Not only are these chemicals highly persistent, but they are more soluble in fat than in water, so they can become concentrated in the tissues of animals such as marine mammals and some birds.

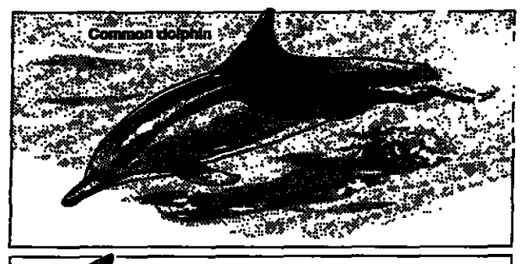
"When this store is finally used, high levels of organochlorines may be released into the animal's bloodstream." The chemicals may damage creatures that swallow them because they are similar to some biological molecules, inducing in the liver a group of enzymes which break down the animal's steroid hormones, affecting reproduction. In addition, some polychlorinated biphenyl molecules combine with a blood chemical, transthyretin, which normally binds to the thyroid hormones. This leaves the thyroid hormones and Vitamin A in circulation, and they are ultimately excreted by the kidneys, changes which could make the animals more vulnerable to infection.

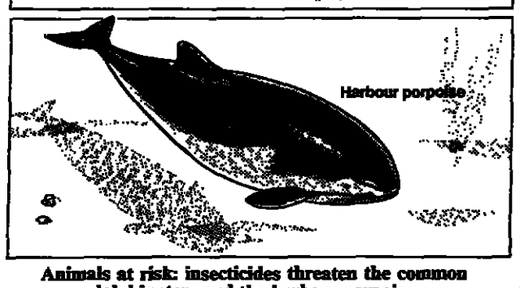
Dr Harwood admitted that the evidence that organochlorines were damaging marine animals was circumstantial. But, he said, a convincing picture could be constructed to show that high organochlorine levels could be detrimental in seals at least.

Seals in the Dutch part of the Wadden Sea had a higher level of polychlorinated biphenyls than other seals. They also had reduced fertility and were more vulnerable to the outbreak of phocine distemper that killed 17,000 common seals in the North Sea in 1988.

Dolphins and porpoises often had even higher levels of organochlorines than seals, but seemed to suffer less because their metabolism is different, Dr Harwood added.

If the organochlorines are indeed to blame, the threat to marine mammals will remain for many years. About 70 per cent of the 1.5 million tonnes of polychlorinated biphenyls produced since 1929 are still in use, and developing countries do not have the resources needed to identify and destroy them. Careless disposal, Dr Harwood said, could mean a continuing increase in the input of the chemicals into the environment for the next 50 years.





Animals at risk: insecticides threaten the common dolphin, top, and the harbour porpoise

Sweet smell of science: Professor Denis Headon of Galway University peering through the leaves of a yucca plant yesterday, which he told scientists was the answer to eliminating farmyard smells. He said the plant, which is found in United States and Mexican deserts, absorbed foul-smelling ammonia gases and this could be exploited to get rid of the unpleasant odours from piggeries and poultry houses. A yucca biofilter has been tested at a farm which had received a considerable number of complaints about smells from town dwellers five miles away. Levels of ammonia fell eight-fold and the complaints had ceased.

UNDER THE OCEANS

Man plumbs endurance limits

By OUR SCIENCE EDITOR

PROFESSIONAL divers suffer degeneration in their bones and other organs similar to the changes caused by accelerated ageing, Maurice Cross, Director of the Diving Disease Research Centre at Plymouth, told the meeting. This meant that man might now have reached the physiological limits to his exploration of the oceans.

The best known of these conditions was aseptic bone necrosis, in which experienced divers got patches of dead bone in the middle of their long bones. Damage to other organs was less clear cut, but Dr Cross asked: "If little bits of bone are dying, what else is dying?" New advances in imaging technology had shown evidence of damage in the brains, spinal cords, eyes and livers of divers who were previously thought to have been normal.

"Changes in astronauts induced by space travel seem reversible on their return to Earth", Dr Cross said. "But the changes in divers do not seem so reversible on their return to the surface."

Modern saturation divers can spend 200 days a year either working or in compression chambers at high pressures. The old-fashioned diver in a pressure suit and helmet worked only a fraction as many days. Most modern divers, however, are still comparatively young men, so the long-term effects cannot yet be assessed. One form of damage that has been identified is degeneration of the myelin sheath surrounding nerves in the spinal cord, Dr Cross said.

"There was a tremendous explosion of diving activity in the North Sea in the 1970s," he said. "Those were the rough, tough days when men were men ... Now we are beginning to see the results, and some of them are worrying. There are people in Norway who would like to ban diving altogether."

FOOD SCIENCE

Breeding shows in the designer pork chop

By OUR MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A CAULIFLOWER with built-in cheese flavour, apples that taste like pears, and tomatoes smacking of meat could emerge from the increasing application of science to food, according to researchers.

Genetic engineering techniques and advanced breeding methods are leading to "designer" meat and vegetables, some of which are already on the dinner plate. Pigs cannot yet be made to fly, but they have been changed in other ways. The fat content of a pork chop has been much reduced, as a consequence of manipulations of breeding and feeding.

Jeff Wood of Bristol University's meat animal science department said: "We can make pigs grow more rapidly, while also making them leaner, because of the demand from consumers for low-fat foods. Designer meats are becoming a reality."

The cheese-flavoured cauliflower, not yet achieved, is feasible, according to Michael Fuller, a crop physiologist at Polytechnic South West in Plymouth. There was already an experimental orange-coloured cauliflower, he disclosed. However, it still tasted like a cauliflower.

"If we can identify and extract the genes that control flavours and textures and which determine whether a vegetable becomes a cauliflower or a sprout, there are few barriers to prevent us producing designer vegetables," he said. "The technology exists to swap flavours, and there is no real problem in introducing an animal gene into a vegetable."

Giving tomatoes a beef flavour might be a very distant prospect, but there was a better chance that apples could be made to taste like pears.

CRIMINAL PROFILE

Serial killer myths junked in hunt for psychological clues

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

PSYCHOLOGISTS are to teach detectives how to track down serial killers, rapists and other offenders by studying "behavioural fingerprints" of the culprits.

The technique is part of psychological profiling, a method developed by David Canter, professor of psychology at Surrey university, that helped to lead to the arrest and conviction three years ago of a man who murdered two women and raped five others. John Duffy, a carpenter, aged 30, of Kilburn, London, received seven life sentences for the so-called railway murders and for the rapes.

Since that case, Professor Canter told scientists yesterday, his unit had given advice in more than 40 criminal investigations in Britain and abroad. He said the unit was about to launch a full-time MSc course in investigative psychology, which would provide training in the behavioural science of detection for police officers. However, he tried to debunk what he described as the mythology of such work, quoting the fictional example of Hannibal Lecter, the psychiatrist turned murderer in the film *The Silence of the Lambs*, who provides police with clues to the mind of another serial killer. The professor also challenged the myth of the detective-as-hero, built up in crime novels and films, as about as realistic, he said, as the Hollywood portrayal of the cowboy.

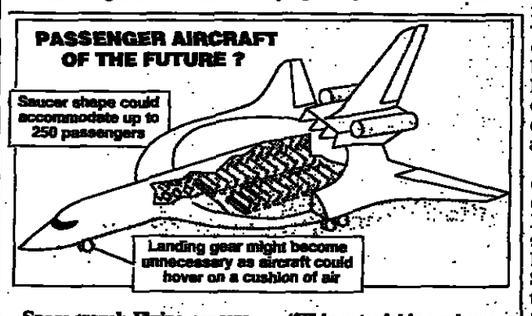
Psychological profiling sought to identify the underlying components of criminal behaviour and the significant characteristics of offenders, so establishing a link between them, he said. "This scientific approach cuts through the mythology presented of criminals as arch-villains, overtly mad or evil, seen as having great intelligence and cunning, especially if they commit a series of violent crimes without detection."

"It is of especial importance to undermine this mythology, because until detectives have detailed training in investigative psychology, there will always be a tendency for them to draw on myths in trying to solve cases, as happened with the Yorkshire Ripper investigation." In that case, police were misled by a hoaxer's tape-recorded messages. Futile efforts were made to identify the owner of the taped voice. According to Professor Canter, criminals, far from being arch-villains, are more likely to be limited individuals operating in a narrow, blinkered world, clumsily trying to avoid being caught.

"Behaviour in an offence can tell us a lot about the prior convictions of a criminal. Most who have committed serious crimes have an earlier history of less serious crimes. Studies of the criminal histories of rapists showed they fell into two broad classes; those with a background of theft and burglary and those with a record of indecency.

"The notion of distinguishing patterns of behaviour particular to a criminal extends the ideas of modus operandi and behavioural signature quite considerably," he said. "It suggests that it may be possible to take up relatively innocuous aspects of offenders' behaviour and draw up a mathematical profile of them.

"This simple numerical description could be used as a sort of behavioural fingerprint that indicates his characteristic style."



Space travel: Flying saucers were sighted at yesterday's session of the association (Nigel Hawkes writes). Robert McKinlay, managing director of British Aerospace (Commercial Aircraft), said the saucer shape could solve the problem of fitting more passengers into commercial aircraft without making them longer, fatter or deeper.

Mr McKinlay showed a drawing of a flying saucer concept devised by British Aerospace some years ago. The half-plane, half-flying saucer has a normal front end and engines in the tail section. The central section looks like a flying saucer "This astonishing scheme is almost a flying saucer," Mr McKinlay said. "The disc shape is ideal and comfortably accommodates some 250 passengers. We might not even need a landing gear for, at its ultimate development, this device could hover on an air cushion. Most of the technology exists today, but because it looks so little like our idea of an aircraft I cannot see any manufacturer taking the giant step of launching it."

Mr McKinlay was much more certain that a supersonic successor to Concorde "with improvements" would one day be launched.

NEWS IN BRIEF

United Europe likely to affect UK blacks

Britain's black citizens are likely to suffer more racial discrimination when freedom of movement across European Community countries is introduced, a professor of sociology said yesterday (Thomson Prentice writes).

They are already at the bottom of the social ladder in Britain, victims of prejudice in housing and employment, and threatened by racially motivated violence, according to Robert Moore, of Liverpool university. Black people remain just as trapped in the lowest-paid, most unpleasant jobs, and the least desirable homes and areas as were their immigrant parents and grandparents, he said.

"Perhaps the most striking difference in the quality of life for a non-white person is the threat and reality of violence. Racially motivated attacks resulting in injury and death have been regularly reported, but only acknowledged relatively recently. Violence and racial abuse keeps people in fear, restricts their movement, and keeps women and children indoors."

Professor Moore said that, as the internal barriers to movement between European countries are removed, it will become advisable for all black people in Britain to carry identification papers and to expect problems with police and immigration officials in continental Europe.

Suspicion about illegal immigrants means that, in European countries, blacks are constantly required to produce their papers, and this will increase.

Poison paint

Sophisticated new techniques have been developed to detect the pollutant tributyltin in ultra-trace quantities in seawater. In amounts as small as five parts in a million million of seawater, tributyltin, used in anti-fouling paints for ships, can sterilise female marine snails, Dr Peter Gibbs, of Plymouth Marine Laboratory, said. The chemical "masculinised" the females, he said.

Crime facts

Since moving to a village on the outskirts of Plymouth ten years ago, Rob Mawby, a social scientist at Polytechnic Southwest, has had his home burgled four times. Despite this experience, he concluded from his research, rural dwellers are less likely to be victims of crime than their city cousins.

Safer sex

Most young people are adopting safer sex practices to avoid HIV infection, but should be given more health education in schools and youth clubs, according to a study of 1,000 teenagers in Dundee funded by the Economic and Social Research Council.

Tin hazard

Cornish tin mining was the most unhealthy of all occupations in 19th-century Britain, with deaths from accidents and lung diseases three times higher than among coalminers, John Rule, professor of history at Southampton university, said.

Quality is all

People who vote with their feet and move to different areas of the country say quality of life is their most important motivation, a survey reported by Dr Robert Rogerson has shown.

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Enter on cue the automated snooker player

By NIGEL HAWKES

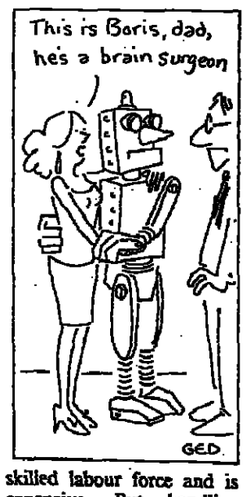
ROBOTS that can play snooker, shear sheep, assist in ear operations and cut sides of beef into joints of meat were described yesterday to the association.

The snooker-playing robot has been developed at the university of Bristol. Koorosh Khodabandehloo said that the robot, called Robopot, had been developed because it illustrated many of the problems in producing an intelligent robot. "It recognises the different colours and works out the best shots to play, but it can't use spin," Dr Khodabandehloo said.

One of the most sophisticated of the new generation of robots, an automatic sheep-shearer developed by James Trevelyan at the university of Western Australia, was described by Michael Brady, of the Robotics Research Group at the university of Oxford. The robot sheep-shearer can remove a fleece in one process, and is gentler with the sheep than a human shearer.

"It tends not to cut the sheep, which many human shearers can't manage," he said. "At the moment it takes ten minutes to shear a sheep, against two and a half minutes for a human shearer, but there seems no reason why this speed should not be increased quite easily."

Dr Khodabandehloo reported more modest success in the development of a robot to cut up animal carcasses, replacing a lot of traditional butchery. "Industrial meat cutting is a difficult and unpleasant occupation", he said. "It is highly labour-intensive, requires a skilled labour force and is expensive. But handling meat in the same way as the butcher will be beyond the capabilities of robots for many years to come." The Bristol robot has, however, shown some success in cutting up beef forequarter sections using a vision system to guide a reciprocating powered knife, and a database of cutting information from carcasses measured and cut before.



In surgery, Professor Brady said that robots could be used to carry out particularly delicate operations, though the idea of completely replacing the surgeon was not in anybody's mind. A robot developed at IBM's laboratory in Yorktown Heights, New York, can help in carrying out hip replacement operations, initially on dogs to prove the technique. So far, 300 of man's best friends have been operated on in an Arizona hospital using the robot as an aid for inserting the metal pin used to hold the artificial joint. In Bristol, a robot to help in delicate ear operations has been developed. Its task is to drill a hole of precisely the right depth to enable a device to be installed to restore hearing, without penetrating the inner ear. At this, it can perform better than any surgeon.

Professor Brady suggested that devices like these could be used to prolong the careers of surgeons, who suffer increasing tremor in their hands as a normal process of ageing. With machines to carry out the most delicate parts of the operation, the skill of the surgeon in diagnosis and in planning and controlling operations would not be lost by premature retirement, he said.

Despite these successes, Professor Brady gave a warning against believing that the day of the all-purpose intelligent robot was at hand.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

United Europe likely to affect UK blacks

Britain's black citizens are likely to suffer more racial discrimination when freedom of movement across European Community countries is introduced, a professor of sociology said yesterday (Thomson Prentice writes).

They are already at the bottom of the social ladder in Britain, victims of prejudice in housing and employment and threatened by racially motivated violence, according to Robert Moore of Liverpool university. Black people remain just as prominent in the lowest-paid, most unpleasant jobs, and the least desirable homes and areas were their immigrant parents and grandparents he said.

"Perhaps the most striking difference in the quality of life for a non-white person is the threat and reality of violence. Racially motivated attacks resulting in injury and death have been regularly reported but only acknowledged relatively recently. Violence and racial abuse keeps people in fear, restricts their movement and keeps women and children indoors.

Professor Moore said that as the internal barriers to movement between European countries are removed, it will become increasingly difficult for all black people to obtain identification papers and expect prejudice with police and immigration officials throughout Europe.

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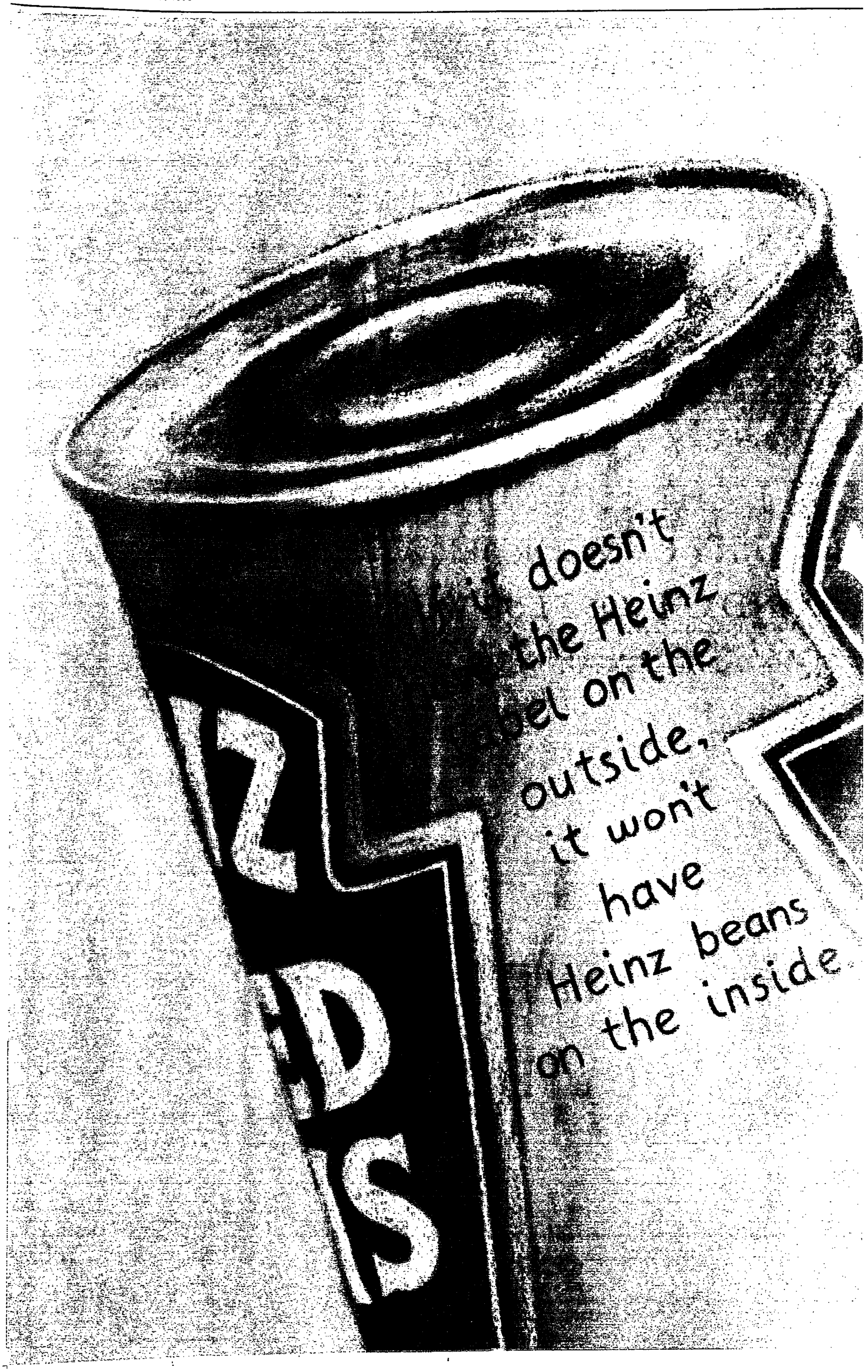

Public service pay

Analyst predicts £2bn increase in wage bill

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

PUBLIC service pay will increase by 7 per cent in 1992-3, well ahead of expected inflation, and will cost the government £2 billion more than it had anticipated, according to a forecast by an independent pay analyst.

The size of the increases predicted by the Public Finance Foundation, the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's research arm, will dismay ministers who want lower pay increases.

Big rises in the forthcoming public service pay round will increase pressure for higher rises in private industry and services. The forecast suggests that pay might rise more rapidly than ministers would like at the time of, or soon after, a general election.

Part of the foundation's forecast is based on public service pay settlements already reached for the period. Increases of 8.5 per cent for the police and 6.4 per cent for local authority manual workers, for instance, will run from Monday until August 31 next year — well into the 1992-93 financial year. Similarly, the knock-on effects from this year's pay reviews for nurses, doctors, teachers and top salaried staff will feed into the public service pay bill for next year.

Chris Trinder, the foundation's research director, said yesterday that the review body for teachers' pay was likely to recommend a higher-than-average pay increase in 1992 and that the top salaries review body was re-evaluating pay levels.

The foundation said that if, as it is forecasting, public service pay rises by 7 per cent, it is likely to be one percentage point higher than pay rises in the private sector and as much as 3.5 points higher than the forecast level of retail price inflation. Mr Trinder said that last year's Treasury autumn statement showed that central government pay and other expenditure was forecast to rise by only 4.6 per cent in 1992-93. If that was all the government had budgeted for, the extra cost of pay rises in line with the foundation's forecast would be almost £2 billion.

The foundation also said that in the run-up to a general election, a re-run of 1979 was likely. Then, a series of pay promises was made by the outgoing Labour government to settle the strikes of the 1978-79 "winter of discontent", and the cost of meeting those awards pushed up inflation sharply in the first year of the Conservative government. The foundation said that similar pay promises were now being made.

It also criticised the "haphazard and inconsistent" way the present pay round had developed. Some groups had received pay rises throughout the year and in some cases as many as three rises through staged and other awards, the foundation said.

Mr Trinder said the changes were increasingly out of line with developments in other parts of the economy.

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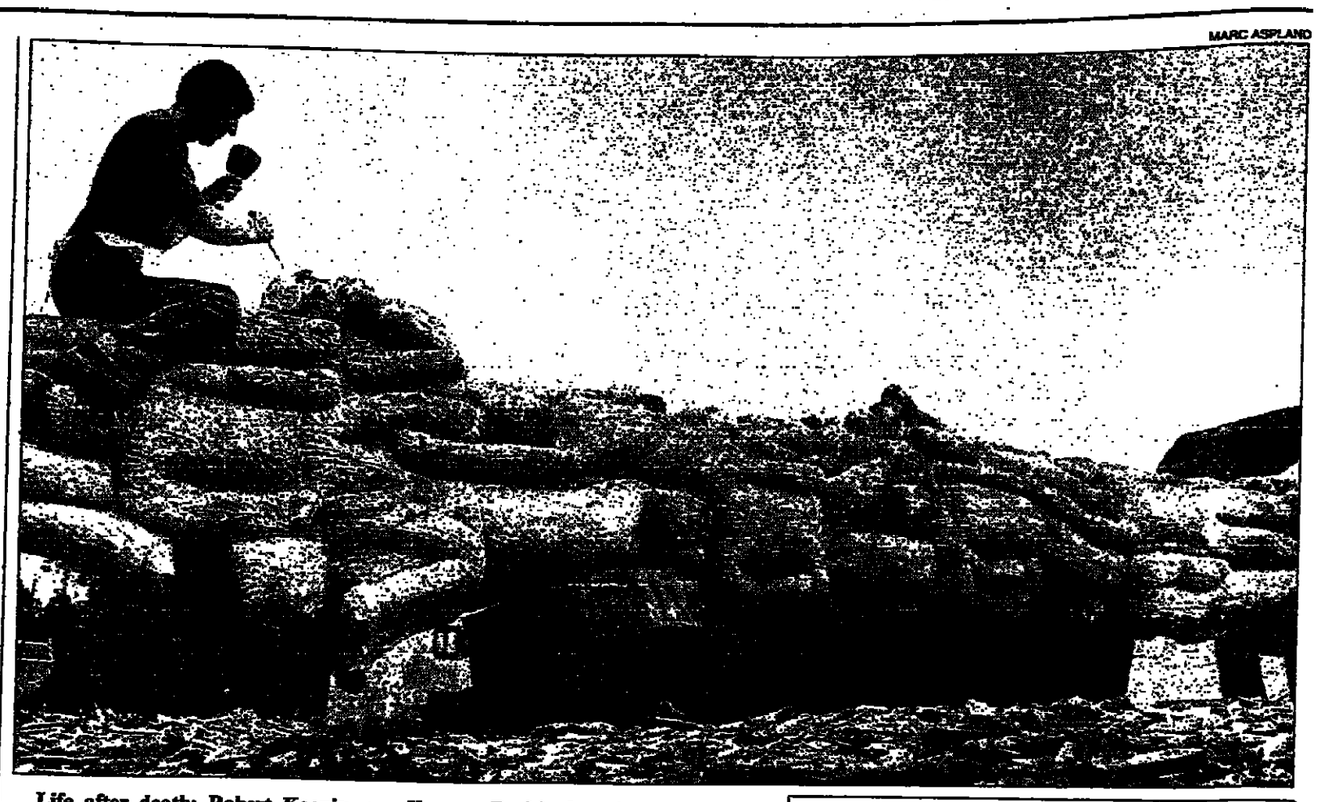

Life after death: Robert Koenig, a sculptor, putting the finishing touches to his latest work, a 44ft totem pole carved from the eight-tonne trunk of an oak tree that blew down during the gales of 1989. Mr Koenig, aged 44, who has a studio in Deptford, southeast London, found the tree in a field near Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire. He said that his carving was inspired by the totem poles fashioned by the American Indians of British Columbia, in Canada, but that his design was original and not based on traditional patterns. When the work is finished later this year, it will be put up in Campbell Park, Milton Keynes.

Far-flung climes tempt tourists

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

TOURISTS are seeking ever more expensive holidays in exotic destinations. So great has been the demand that tour operators and travel agents are expecting one of their most profitable years.

The average amount spent by holiday-makers this summer is 10 to 15 per cent higher than last year with the most expensive holidays selling best of all. A round-the-world trip from Thomas Cook that leaves in November with 120 seats at £18,500 each has only 15 left, while Abercrombie and Kent's trans-Africa Catalina flying boat safari costing £9,949 a person is sold out.

Caribbean Connections has had a 39 per cent increase in demand for its £2,500 Caribbean yachting holidays while Kuoni has been inundated by families spending £13,000 for trips to Kenya and the Far East.

That trend is reflected in the mass travel market. Thomson Holidays is trying to distance itself from the package holiday image that now accounts for only 40 per cent of its business.

Charles Newbold, managing director, said: "We have been racking our brains to think of another title for the ever-increasing number of non-traditional holidays people are demanding. The trouble is that as tour operators do offer travel, accommodation, meals and transfers it is technically a package." Next year the average price of a Thomson holiday will be £380 a head — up 12 per cent.

The Association of British Travel Agents said: "While those with mortgages can't afford to travel, many older people with capital are wanting to spend it on expensive and high quality holidays. The name 'inclusive tour' is taking over from 'package holiday' because that has a more upmarket feel to it in an industry which is as much about perception as reality."

Newbold: "We have been racking our brains"

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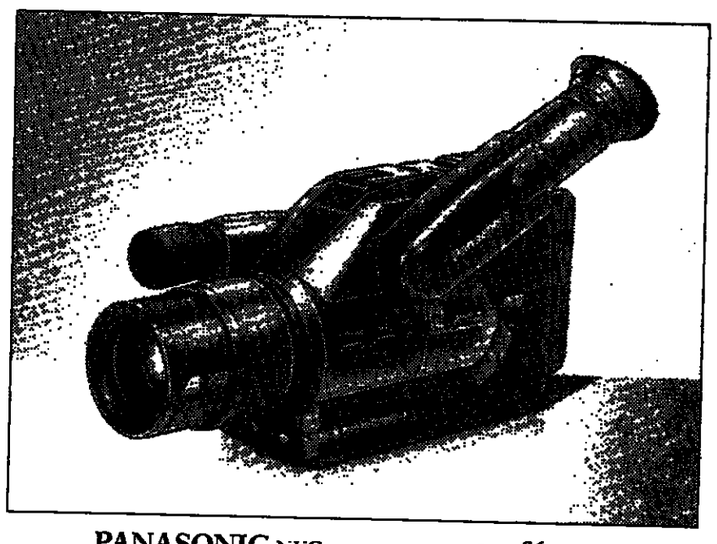

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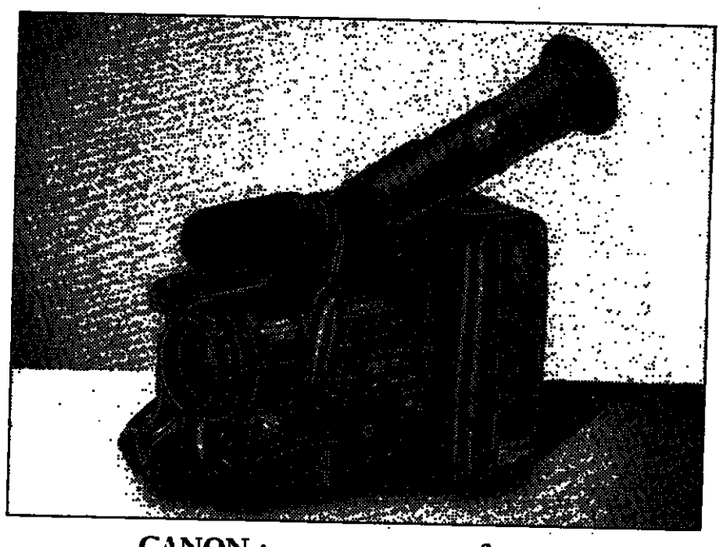

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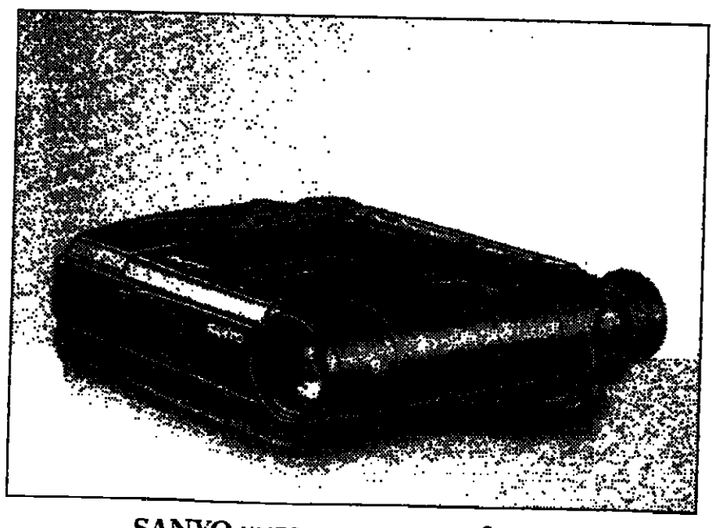

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Soldiers given super grenade

BRITISH soldiers at checkpoints on the Irish border have been issued with armour-piercing grenades to combat the IRA's improvised armoured vehicles that are used in heavy machinegun, grenade and flame-thrower attacks.

The French-made Luchaire 40mm grenade could be fired from the army's standard SA80 rifle and had been deployed since last month, an army spokesman said yesterday, confirming a Dublin newspaper report. The weapon had been bought specifically for use in Ulster.

The spokesman said: "It provides an effective defence from attacks by heavy weapons being fired from protected vehicles." The grenade is understood to be lethally accurate over about 100 yards and can be effective at ranges of up to a quarter of a mile.

The weapon's introduction is a response, albeit 20 months delayed, to the IRA attack on a permanent checkpoint at Derryard, Co Fermanagh, in Decemb[illegible] 9 in which two soldiers w[illegible] killed. The IRA tried to ram through the checkpoint with a lorry that had been reinforced with steel plates and from which gunmen opened fire with an RPG7 rocket launcher, a heavy machinegun and small arms.

However, such confrontational attacks by the IRA have been rare. The Luchaire grenade could have done nothing to prevent the van bombings in the past few days on RUC stations at Kilrea, Co Londonderry, and at Markethill, Co Armagh. On both occasions, a Toyota van loaded with explosives went off close to the police station.

Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist party's security spokesman, yesterday welcomed the introduction of the grenade. However, Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labour party, said that the last thing Northern Ireland needed was more and better weaponry.

Broadmoor patient found dead

An investigation began yesterday at Broadmoor hospital, Berkshire, into the death of a patient who was given an injection to calm him after he was involved in a violent incident. Thames Valley police said that Orville Blackwood, aged 31, from Stockwell, south London, was found dead on Wednesday shortly after being given medication.

A post-mortem examination was carried out by a Home Office pathologist and staff were interviewed. A report will go to the hospital's management team. Blackwood was convicted in 1986 of raiding a betting shop with a toy gun.

Cock-fight raids

Police and RSPCA officers investigating two cock-fighting rings arrested a man and seized five birds at a house at Feltwell, Norfolk, and held another man and seized one bird at Stetchworth, Cambridgeshire.

College fined

Clare College, Cambridge, was fined £1,000 by city magistrates because noise from its May ball was three times the permitted level.

Phones crash

Thousands of businesses and homes in East Anglia, including Stansted airport, were cut off from telephone callers outside the region when a British Telecom computer failed.

Clog dance

Britain's only clog factory, at Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire, reopens next month, after being closed by a fire, with a party for 14,000 people from the town and surrounding villages.

Van hijacked

Two gunmen hijacked a Post Office van at Rustington, West Sussex, tied up its two-man crew and escaped with more than £20,000.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

Turmoil may stop 35-nation CSCE talks in Moscow

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

A CONFERENCE in Moscow next month to discuss the observance of human rights in 35 European and North American countries might have to be postponed because of the turmoil in the Soviet Union.

Moscow is due to host a two-day meeting of foreign ministers of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe. But both the meeting and the basic principles on which CSCE is based have been thrown into doubt by the disarray in the Soviet Union and the confusion over international recognition of self-proclaimed independent republics in the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia.

Douglas Hurd is among the ministers due to attend the meeting, which begins on September 9. Moscow has been pressing for two years to hold the conference to demonstrate its full commitment to the Helsinki agreements on human rights. But Britain withheld agreement to attend until last month.

The worry now is that the Helsinki process has proved inadequate to deal with the rapidly changing situation on the ground in the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, where CSCE has not lived up to its hopes of creating a new security order in Europe. The review, which follows those held in Paris and Copenhagen, will not focus especially on the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, although the protection of personal and minority rights in those countries is sure to be a key topic. Britain has long had doubts about the Soviet record of compliance, especially over such issues as emigration, but it agreed just before the coup that Moscow was making enough progress to warrant attendance.

The meeting will consider the record throughout Europe as well as in Canada and America. The delegates are, however, likely to use the meeting to look at the limited success of CSCE in preventing civil war in Yugoslavia, and at the implications for the Helsinki process of the break-up of that country and of the Soviet Union.

Under the Helsinki accords, restated in the charter of Paris last year, European boundaries can be altered only with the consent of all sides. The accords did not foresee a situation such as that in Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union, where internal boundaries are now in dispute or are becoming international boundaries.

The 35 nations will therefore have to agree at what point they extend recognition to newly emerging states, but this can only happen with the consent of Belgrade and Moscow. The principle of unanimity has made it difficult for the CSCE to play much of a role in halting the conflict in Yugoslavia. And some nations, especially members of the European Community, are now moving far away from the cautious support for retaining the federation expressed in Berlin two months ago.

So far the CSCE has held two meetings to activate its new emergency procedures, and these have broadly endorsed EC efforts to promote a ceasefire.

Czechoslovakia meanwhile announced yesterday that it would host a meeting of the CSCE on Tuesday to discuss the situation in Yugoslavia. The meeting was requested by Germany, which currently chairs the CSCE. The CSCE secretariat in Prague said the meeting would be at the level of senior officials.

Old campaigners: second world war veterans share memories of earlier battles, in front of barricades which, during last week's coup, guarded the Russian parliament against attack. Boris Yeltsin yesterday ordered the barricades to be dismantled, but youthful squatters refused to move

RELIGION

Church led way in blazing path to democracy

By Michael Bourdeaux

AFTER nearly 74 years hidden in the wings, the church in Russia has emerged to play a leading role in support of the democratic process. That is what our television screens — and commentators — have been telling us over the past week. But this is far from a complete, or even an accurate, representation of the reality.

Religion has been a motivating force in the desire of Soviet people to establish human rights over many years — not the only stimulus, but one present in many different places.

Take the Jewish example. The issue of emigration engaged world attention in the 1970s, often to the exclusion of the urgency of establishing the right to freedom for the faith and the setting up of Jewish cultural insitutions in the Soviet Union. There was religious stimulus behind the actions of many prominent dissidents, not least Natan Sharansky, who wrote movingly of the way in which his faith deepened during his years of imprisonment.

Political scientists often quote the trial of Andrei Sinyavsky and Yuli Daniel in 1966 for publishing their fiction abroad and the protests it occasioned as marking the beginning of the human rights movement in the Soviet Union. Sinyavsky was a devout member of the Russian Orthodox Church, Daniel a Jew, and the dignity of their conduct at the trial, as well as their writing, owed something to the idealism instilled in them from a system of thought acquired outside the straitjacket of marxism-leninism. At the same time as Alexander Solzhenitsyn became a *cause célèbre*, he began to proclaim his deep commitment to the faith of the Orthodox Church. Very soon Mstislav Rostropovich, the cellist, sacrificed his Soviet career (at least, for 15 years) to support his friend, and he too let the world know that his motivation was Christian.

Rostropovich: motivated by his Christian faith

None of these examples takes us back to the first "democratic" stirrings and the involvement of the Church in them. As early as 1927, Metropolitan Sergi made an accommodation with the regime and proclaimed the loyalty of his Church to it. There were many clergy who sacrificed not only their careers, but also their lives in opposing this compromise. Their spirit lived on during the purges of the 1930s.

During the second world war, the Church regained some freedoms in return for moral support in the resistance to Hitler, but the hierarchy was soon to discover that it had to support Soviet policies in postwar Europe as well, even to deny that there was religious persecution when Khrushchev began this in earnest again from 1959.

In 1961 an event occurred which was unprecedented in the communist system: a group of Russian and Ukrainian Baptists reacted in a concerted way against Khrushchev's persecution. The KGB attempted to muzzle the whole movement by imprisoning hundreds.

The Catholic areas exhibited greater unity of purpose. In Lithuania, the church and the nationalists began to make public and common cause from the mid-1970s. Anyone who looks at the documents of that period cannot fail to be astonished at how clearly they presage the achievement of independence. Without the united determination of laity and clergy, one of the key stimuli towards the universal overthrow of communist domination would have been absent.

There is no republic where religion has failed to play some vitalising role in the evolution of the democratic or secessionist process. President Gorbachev promised a new law on freedom of conscience in April 1988; last October it was passed and soon there will be a new question: how will they use that liberty?

Canon Michael Bourdeaux is founder of Keston College now known as Keston Research in Oxford and published a book on Gorbachev's position on religion last year (Gorbachev, Glasnost and the Gospel Hodder & Stoughton, £8.99).

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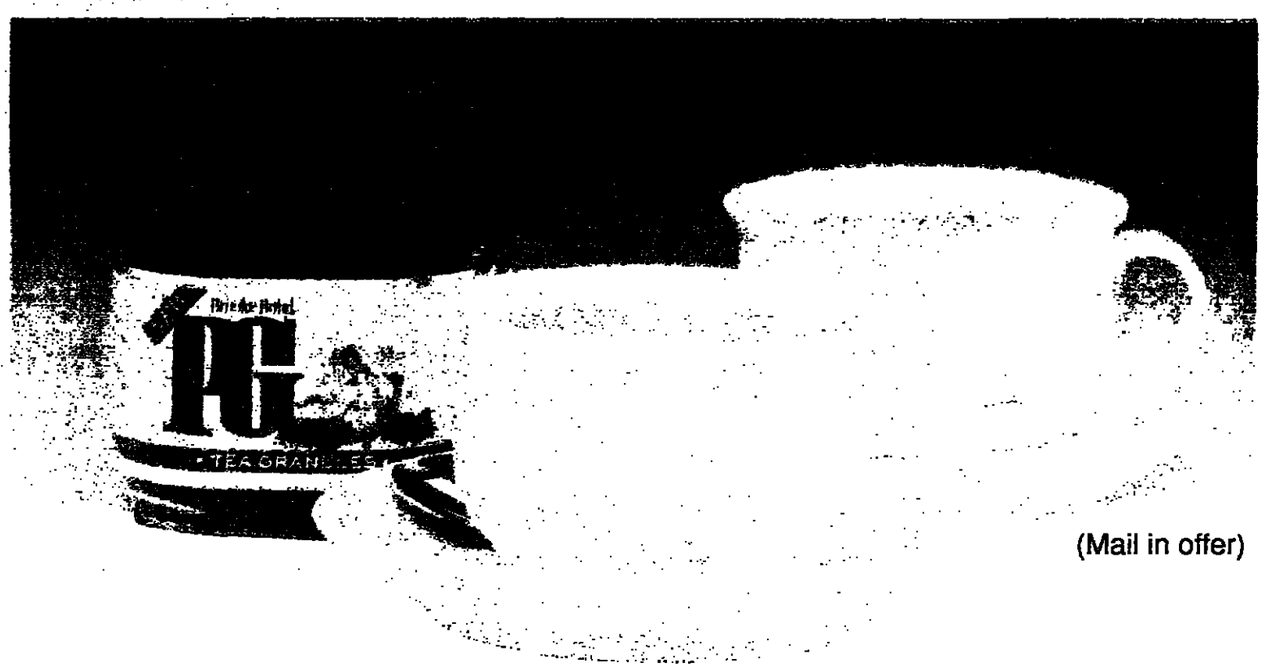

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Parliamentary pack bays for the blood of their keeper

In the "perestroika zoo", the cages are open and the hunt is on. Anatoli Lukyanov, facing treason charges, is the first prey, **Mary Dejevsky** writes

Lukyanov: suffering his fate with stoicism

A FEW months back a Soviet reporter was reprimanded by the parliament's press chief for describing the Soviet parliament as "a perestroika zoo". The description did not show due respect, he said.

Over the past week, the goings-on inside the yellow stucco building in the Kremlin have resembled nothing so much as a menagerie — with the cage doors suddenly flung wide open. There has been much gnashing of teeth, much venting of frustrations, much devouring of smaller animals by bigger animals. All the while, the Soviet Union outside has been quietly falling apart.

The first victim of the released animals was the warder who had kept them at bay for so long, their manipulative chairman, Anatoli Lukyanov. Sitting impassive in the front row, while the stolid Ivan Laptev did "his" job, Mr Lukyanov suffered his fate stoically. He tried defended himself but the task was hopeless.

Legally qualified contributors to the verbal brawls which passed as debates distinguished between political and judicial guilt. Mr Lukyanov hardly tried to defend himself on the political count, concentrating his resources on legality. On the first day he tried to stave off accusations of complicity by submitting his resignation in writing and defending himself in the lobbies.

On the second, he lay low as deputies bayed. On the third day he testified to an unusually silent parliament. On the fourth his colleagues stripped him of his parliamentary immunity from arrest and opened the way to his prosecution for treason.

In the lobbies, those worried that that they might be implicated in the abortive coup were singing like the proverbial canary. The chief songster was Vladimir Shcherbakov, who felt that he had been accused of complicity only because his immediate boss, Valentin Pavlov, the former prime minister, had been a member of the coup committee.

Like Mr Lukyanov, and Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, the former foreign minister, who twittered to foreign television about the injustice of his dismissal before again retiring sick, Mr Shcherbakov shifted his position as the days went by. His supposed distance from the plotters became a gulf.

His best efforts were in vain. On Wednesday, President Gorbachev called for the removal of the government he had personally chosen. "I just don't trust them," he said memorably, to the roaring of the deputies.

Their problem was that they might not have liked the government, but they had endorsed it. In many minds was the thought: "Where goes the union government, there goes the union parliament". But the union parliament was not about to dissolve itself, as some had urged. It was far more interested in tearing itself to pieces.

As if three days in Crimean captivity was not enough, President Gorbachev was heckled and taunted. The efforts of Mr Laptev and his deputy, Rafik Nishanov, could not restrain the torrent of accusations and recriminations that came from deputies about each other — and their distant bosses.

Half the speakers offered evidence that the Communist party had helped to organise the coup nationwide. The other half complained tearfully of "persecution" by "so-called democratic forces" and pleaded for protection.

Deputies from distant Tajikistan laid into their president, accusing him of unreconstructed conservatism — and so complicity in the coup. This occasioned defensive little telegrams from the Tajik president's office to be read from the podium whenever proceedings got out of hand.

The usually placid Kazakh leader, Nursultan Nazarbayev, banging on the lectern, pronounced the union dead, and a jolly good thing too: "We will never be anyone's younger brother."

The Ukraine had jumped on the independence bandwagon, too, and its deputies were set upon in the lobbies by furious Russians whose ambitions had included the role of elder brother at least to someone. The Ukrainians made it clear that on this at least they were with the Kazakhs all the way, even to the point of taking up arms.

Anatoli Sobchak, the mayor and hero of Leningrad, seemed at times the only defender of continuing the union in any form. His many contributions from the floor carried a single message: "Deputies, do you know what you are doing? You are killing the union." Unfortunately for him, and for President Gorbachev who sat sphinx-like at the back of the platform, they knew very well — and, in a a way, they were enjoying themselves.

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DEFENCE

Republican treaty gives comfort to the military

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THE treaty agreed between the Russian republic and the Ukraine will point the way forward for the new Soviet Union's defence arrangements. Bilateral agreements appear to be the only practical approach amid so much confusion over who has command of the country's 3.5 million military personnel.

Although the agreement is with the Russian republic, the treaty will be important for the Soviet defence ministry under General Yevgeni Shaposhnikov. With about one million of the Soviet Union's 1.6 million ground forces based in the Russian republic, Moscow can feel reassured that the Ukraine would also play a part in defending the country if there were a national emergency. The treaty guarantees mutual assistance between the Ukraine and the Russian republic. Similar bilateral or multilateral treaties will create further stability between the republics and will help to foster co-operative relations with the central command in Moscow.

General Shaposhnikov is already looking ahead to the time when the armed forces will no longer rely on conscription, the cause of so much dissent in the republics in the past four years. The formation of a fully professional army, for the first time in Russian history, now seems inevitable.

The idea of professional armed forces has always been anathema to the Soviet general staff. Under Communist party ideology, every young man is obliged to serve his country in uniform, to learn discipline and to become a better communist by being part of the country's armed forces. Now such ideology has been cast aside.

The present conscription system has been in effect since September 1939, but even before that there was never a wholly professional army. There had earlier been a mixed system, professional and part-time. General Shaposhnikov has now announced that conscription may be abandoned, although the change to a professional army will take time. However, it is not clear to whom the professional army will answer.

Colonel-General Konstantin Kobets, the Russian defence minister, used to be against the idea of national armies and wanted to preserve the Soviet army. Earlier this year he advised Boris Yeltsin against forming a Russian national guard. After the failed coup, however, his views will have changed and he will play a significant role, not only in forming the new command structure of the ground forces in the republic but also in forging a professional federal army.

General Shaposhnikov, like Colonel-General Kobets, has shown a pragmatic approach to the challenges ahead. He has indicated that he believes it to be practical to devolve control of the Soviet ground forces to the republics, while maintaining central control of the nuclear forces.

Shaposhnikov: planning professional army

Latvian officials have already disclosed that representatives sent by General Shaposhnikov have shown a genuine interest in meeting their concerns over defence.

The lesson for the West is clear. The defence strategy agreed before the post-coup revolution remains the best chance for maintaining stability in Central Europe. The planned restructuring of Nato forces, including the creation of rapid reaction units, will help to reassure those in Eastern Europe and in the emerging republics of the old Soviet Union that the Western alliance, which has helped to maintain the peace for 45 years, has no intention of breaking up.

● **Moscow:** President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan yesterday issued a decree closing the Semipalatinsk underground nuclear testing centre in his central Asian republic, Tass reported. *(AFP)*

Partial text of accord

Kiev — The following is a partial text of a joint communiqué released yesterday by Ukrainian and Russian leaders and translated from Russian by Associated Press:

As a result of liquidation of the state coup a new political situation has arisen, opening the possibility to accelerate democratic transformations.

The Ukraine and the Russian Federation confirm their adherence to the treaty between the RSFSR and the Ukraine of November 19, 1990, and the sides agreed to the following:

1 To undertake joint actions with the goal of preventing the uncontrolled disintegration of the union state.

2 To appeal to the states-subjects of the former USSR, irrespective of their present status, with the suggestion to immediately start preparations and signing of an economic agreement.

3 To confirm the special significance of military-strategic problems.

4 During the transitional period to avoid without preliminary consultations steps that affect mutual interests.

5 To confirm articles 2 and 6 on the rights of the citizens and the territorial integrity of the sides, secured by the bilateral treaty of November 19, 1990.

6 To emphasise the resolution to actively continue democratic transformations.

7 To confirm the adherence to commitments by the USSR in international relations, including agreements on arms reduction and arms control.

8 Immediately to exchange plenipotentiary representatives of the RSFSR and the Ukraine for continual informing and conducting of consultations.

Plain sailing: John Major and President Bush enjoying an evening boat trip through Cape Porpoise Harbour before making a brief tour of the coast of Maine. Mrs Bush also took to the water with the prime minister's son, James, and Mrs Major on the president's speedboat Fidelity, after arriving for a three-day visit to the presidential holiday home in Kennebunkport. Mr and Mrs Major and their children arrived by helicopter at Walkers Point. Mr Bush personally drove the Majors to their guest quarters in a red golf cart. Mr Bush invited the Senate majority leader, George Mitchell, and others to a clambake last night in the prime minister's honour. Events in Moscow have given a new import to what was originally scheduled as an informal get-together. The two leaders earlier answered questions in their shirt-sleeves on the front lawn of Mr Bush's summer home in Maine. It was a scene that has become familiar to Americans in this summer of revolution in Moscow: the president taking time out from his holiday to field questions about world events.

THE PLOTTERS

Two leaders of coup were drunk at key moments

From Bruce Clark in Moscow

THE family that drinks together, sinks together. That old American bon mot, or its Russian equivalent, must be preying bitterly on the minds of the arch-conspirator Gennadi Yanayev and the disgraced prime minister, Valentin Pavlov, as they await trial on charges of high treason.

The decadence and cynicism of the old Soviet leadership has been startlingly brought home by revelations that both men were in drunken stupors at key moments during the three-day drama which destroyed the state they were trying to govern. It is now clear that Mr Yanayev's trembling hands at that first press conference — a matter on which President Gorbachev later made some caustic remarks — did not reflect nervousness at the scale of his self-imposed task, but just old-fashioned *delirium tremens*.

He is now reported to have been merry when the coup started, squiffy when they came to tell him it had failed and virtually unconscious when they finally came to arrest him. Mr Yanayev's penchant for the bottle may also throw light on the bizarre defensiveness with which he interpreted questions about his health as aspersions on his sexual prowess: "My wife is perfectly satisfied," he declared on one famous occasion.

Both he and Mr Pavlov appear to have imbibed freely at the prime ministerial dacha on the afternoon of Sunday, August 18 and to have been considerably the worse for wear when they were summoned for an emergency meeting at the Kremlin by their fellow conspirators. The "hypertension" which supposedly kept Mr Pavlov in bed for most of the crisis — apart from a cabinet meeting on the Monday afternoon at which he made an incoherent appearance — also seems to have had a perfectly simple physiological explanation.

Dmitri Yazov, the disgraced defence minister, is also described by politcal insiders as no stranger to the bottle. But the boozy habits of some of the conspirators were balanced in part by the austere puritanism of the two KGB generals at the very centre of the conspiracy: Vladimir Kryuchkov and Boris Pugo.

Mr Kryuchkov did enjoy some material pleasures — he was said to have built himself a sauna of extraordinary luxury — but his teetotal habits dismayed many of his fellow officers. Only once, as the maverick ex-KGB general Oleg Kalugin recalls, did the old spymaster break his principles.

Mr Kalugin says he was astonished, when flying back to Moscow from Kabul with Mr Kryuchkov to see the old killjoy produce a whisky bottle.

"Pour it, pour it," Mr Kryuchkov is said to have told Mr Kalugin. "I have been told to drink, I have stomach disease, I have been poisoned by Afghan food." On arrival, he was indeed taken ill — though it never became clear whether it was the food that did it, or the unaccustomed drink.

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THE KGB

New spymaster promises to keep his agents secret

By Bruce Clark

AS THE purge continued of senior officers discredited in last week's coup, Vadim Bakatin, the KGB's new liberal chief, yesterday promised agents in the organisation's vast spy network that they were safe from exposure.

Mr Bakatin, named by President Gorbachev to conduct a comprehensive overhaul of the agency's work, made clear at the parliamentary hearing which confirmed him in office by 366 votes to nine that he was determined to keep the KGB's espionage activities intact.

Pressed by parliamentarians, he said he had "frozen" the KGB's files as a temporary measure. He might, however, be prepared to release dossiers of historical interest or relating to the unjust harassment of dissidents. "But I am not, and I am prepared to resign over this, willing to hand over information about agents' activities."

Also yesterday it emerged that, although a decision has been taken to strip the KGB of all the hundreds of thousands of soldiers under its command, nobody has yet decided under whose authority they will go. As far as could be gleaned, the KGB's elite commando divisions will be returned to the defence ministry; its treacherous presidential guard will be overseen by the Soviet leader himself; and state communications (over which Boris Yeltsin, the Russian Federation president, asserted his authority at the height of the coup) will be grouped in a new agency of undetermined jurisdiction. The future of the KGB's border guards has yet to be settled.

General Geni Ageyev and General Vitali Ponomaryev, the KGB's personnel director, yesterday became the latest of its top officials to be sacked. But at least one staunch conservative in the senior echelons, Gennadi Titov, who also holds the rank of deputy chairman, appears to have survived and even consolidated his position. He made a strong attack on the United States earlier this year and is described by Oleg Gordievsky, the KGB defector, as "the most unpleasant and unprincipled KGB officer I ever met".

Mr Titov was a surprise inclusion in the committee named this week to investigate the KGB's activities. Oleg Kalugin, the former KGB general turned radical politician, said that although he could accept Mr Titov's claim to have been away from Moscow, and therefore ignorant of the putsch, his status as "a stooge of [Vladimir] Kryuchkov", the sacked KGB chief, made him an unsuitable member of the investigating team.

Bakatin: might release files of historic interest

Pankin warns of lingering danger

From Reuter in Stockholm

BORIS Pankin, the new Soviet foreign minister, said in an article for a Swedish newspaper yesterday that the danger of a coup remained, and that the KGB deserved its dissolution for incompetence as well as for its "monstrous" nature.

"It seems now to be a sport to ask one another: when and how many hours before the danger was over did you speak out against the coup? But the danger is far from over," Mr Pankin wrote in *Svenska Dagbladet*.

Mr Pankin served as ambassador to Sweden from 1982 to 1990, when he was sent as envoy to Czechoslovakia. In Prague, Mr Pankin spoke out early and forcefully against the attempted coup.

Yesterday Mr Pankin cited parliamentary deputy Colonel Viktor Alksnis as a specific danger. Colonel Alksnis said on Monday that the coup plotters should be presumed innocent and allowed to explain themselves. Mr Pankin praised Mr Gorbachev's stoic resistance, the active opposition of Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, and the commitment of those who defended the Russian Parliament, or White House.

"In the fight for a normal and decent life, let the chain around the White House unite in an invisible way all those who deserve such a life and strive after it," he said.

He criticised the KGB for failing to realise and inform the coup plotters that the attempt would be complete suicide. "It is astonishing how this organisation, a monopolist on 'reliable' information, showed itself so humiliatingly disinformed and calculated so wrongly the reaction both within and outside the country," he wrote. "If the KGB were not so terrible and monstrous to the bottom of its soul, it should be dissolved simply on the grounds of insufficient professionalism."

Moscow recalls pro-coup envoys

London — Boris Pankin, the new Soviet foreign minister, has recalled 30 ambassadors who voiced support for the abortive coup last week, and most are expected to be sacked (Michael Binyon writes).

They include Leonid Zamyatin, the ambasador to London, and German Gvenstsadze, the ambassador to Ireland, who both said that the coup leaders had acted in accordance with the constitution. Their recall, reported by the Russian news agency RIA, may herald a widespread purge of the Soviet foreign service, which still contains a number of senior hardliners identified with the Brezhnev era, including Mr Zamyatin.

A spokesman in London said that Mr Zamyatin's return was usual diplomatic practice, and could be connected with John Major's visit to Moscow on Sunday. Ambassadors normally return for consultations before meetings between heads of government. But Mr Pankin is certain to make plain President Gorbachev's anger at the acceptance, tacit or open, by several ambassadors of the coup and their attempts to justify it to their host governments.

Khrushchev view

New York — A great-granddaughter of Nikita Khrushchev, the former Soviet leader, says that she watched from afar as the Soviet coup failed, while her sister participated at the barricades. "I didn't expect our people to behave so bravely," Nina Khrushchev, who is in the US to study, said. *(AP)*

Blake denial

Moscow — The KGB has denied reports that George Blake, aged 69, the British spy, who escaped from prison and fled to the Soviet Union in 1966, could be returned to Britain. A KGB spokesman dismissed a newspaper report saying that Blake's case was being reviewed and that he could be sent back. *(AFP)*

Links restored

Helsinki — Finland restored diplomatic relations with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, ending its de facto recognition of Moscow's sovereignty over them. Although Finland has never officially withdrawn its 1920s recognition of Baltic sovereignty, it has sought to avoid disagreement with Moscow. *(AP)*

Cuba resolute

Havana — Communist-ruled Cuba, distancing itself from what it described as tragic and dangerous events in the Soviet Union, said it would not abandon socialism whatever happened there. "We will continue with our independent, Cuban, socialist line," the Communist party's official newspaper, *Granma*, said. *(Reuter)*

Muslim revolt

Moscow — Soviet Muslims from the Caucasus mountains to the Mongolian border are ejecting Communist officials from their governments and seizing party property, reports said. Nursultan Nazarbayev, the Kazakhstan president, led the way by resigning on Wednesday as chief of the republic's party branch. *(AP)*

Radio liberated

Moscow — Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, has issued a decree allowing the Munich-based dissident Radio Liberty to set up a bureau within the Russian Federation. He asked Moscow officials to find premises for the radio station and said its journalists would be accredited to work on Russian territory. *(AFP)*

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Mutinous Lebanon general smuggled out to French exile

From ALI JABER IN BEIRUT

GENERAL Michel Aoun, the Christian army chief who led a costly two-year mutiny against the Lebanese government, was whisked to asylum in France yesterday in a spectacular operation reminiscent of a spy film.

General Aoun and two of his close aides, Brigadier Issam Abu-jamra and Brigadier Edgar Maalouf, had been granted amnesty by the Lebanese government on condition they left the country, did not return for five years and refrained from engaging in political activity in exile. They had been hiding in a French embassy annex in east Beirut for ten months.

A systematic disinformation campaign preceded the general's departure by sea to Larnaca in Cyprus where a French military jet waited to fly him to a villa in the South of France. A mock convoy of seven French embassy cars sped from the embassy before dawn yesterday, luring journalists and Lebanese security officials into a nearby dead end street.

As the convoy stopped, the journalists were immediately surrounded by French soldiers. They were ordered to stay in their cars and their cameras were confiscated, while one bullet-proof car slipped from the embassy's back entrance carrying General Aoun and his aides to Dbayeh, a small harbour north of Beirut. There they boarded a small pleasure boat and cruised towards Cyprus under heavy French naval protection.

Aoun: claimed he was the sole ruler of Lebanon

The Christian Voice of Lebanon radio station quoted Lebanese security officials as claiming that General Aoun took a speedboat from Dbayeh to a French submarine anchored in international waters. Earlier, a French foreign ministry delegation dined with President Hrawi. The president's aides told reporters that the general would accompany the delegation to France after the president had signed his parole. Their plane at Beirut airport was being kept under tight security, indicating that he would fly to France.

According to officials here, the French delegation held marathon meetings on its arrival here on Wednesday morning with various Lebanese officials on details of General Aoun's departure and his conduct in exile. The police said that the total secrecy surrounding his departure was strictly a security precaution and was carried out at the request of President Hrawi. The president feared that the general's departure into exile could turn into a rally for opponents of his rule.

The police said there were also serious fears that General Aoun might be assassinated by members of the Mouawad clan, who blame him for engineering the assassination two years ago of President René Mouawad. Mouawad's motorcade was blown apart by a bomb in November 1989, only 17 days after he was elected to office.

General Aoun was the sole opponent of the national reconciliation pact, which the Lebanese parliament agreed to in the Saudi resort of Taif in October 1989, to end the country's long civil war. Mouawad was the first Lebanese president to be elected under the terms of the accord, which gave Muslims a greater share of power.

The general led a mutiny against Mouawad's successor, President Hrawi, claiming that he was the sole ruler of the country. But he was ousted from his command headquarters in the Baabda presidential palace and forced to take refuge in the French embassy in October last year by a Syrian-led attack that killed 750 people.

France, which had supported the general's rebellion, granted him political asylum, but the Lebanese government refused to let him go, insisting that he should stand trial on embezzlement charges. It has yielded, however, to pressure from President Mitterrand, due to deteriorating relations with France.

Between 1988 and 1990 General Aoun launched two devastating but inconclusive campaigns. In 1989 he engaged in six months of gun battles to eject the Syrian army from Beirut, killing around 1,500 people and wounding 3,000 others. In 1990 he turned against his former allies, the Christian Lebanese Forces Militia in east Beirut, killing some 900 people and wounding 5,000.

Despite his atrocities, he enjoyed overwhelming support inside and outside Lebanon. Government officials feared that his popularity may have threatened the Syrian-backed government of President Hrawi. His departure yesterday closed this painful chapter in Lebanon's bloody history and suspended until further notice the risky idea of trying to impose military rule.

Jail breakdown: Linda Calhoun, one of ten people being held hostage by Cuban prisoners in an Alabama jail, cries as she is shown to journalists. As the siege at Talladega prison entered its second week, the inmates released the prison secretary, Kitty Suddeth, in exchange for a meeting with a reporter and a photographer from the Spanish-language newspaper *El Nuevo Herald* of Miami (Reuter reports).

The inmates, who came to the United States along with thousands of other Cubans in the Mariel boatlift of 1980, rioted and took the hostages to protest against plans by immigration authorities to deport them to Cuba. The photographer, Carlos Guerro, described the prison as very tense. He said Mrs Calhoun "seemed desperate — she hasn't eaten in eight days".

After her meeting with the inmates, Cynthia Corzo, the reporter, said that the hostages were well treated but had no food and were hungry. She said the inmates repeated their demands. "The one thing they are demanding is a stop to all deportations, not a temporary suspension or a moratorium."

Budapest says it will use force to repel Yugoslavs

From ERNEST BECK IN BUDAPEST AND TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

HUNGARY issued a stern warning yesterday that it will not flinch from using force if Yugoslavia violates its territory again.

Gyula Kodolanyi, the foreign affairs adviser to Jozsef Antall, the prime minister, said the government would act decisively if Yugoslav air force planes entered Hungarian air space, as they did last week, or if ground forces crossed the border.

"We do not want to use force unless absolutely necessary, but if such breaches continue we will be obliged to do something as a signal," he said, as fighting flared again near Hungary's southern border with Yugoslavia and the number of Croatian refugees seeking safety rose to 15,000.

Fighting died down around the beleaguered eastern Croatian town of Vukovar after four days of heavy bombardment by rebel Serb militias and the Yugoslav federal army. Reports from the rest of the republic also suggested a general calming of the military situation.

In Zagreb, the European Community's special envoy to Yugoslavia, Henri Wijnaendts, condemned the federal army, saying: "The level of violence which has been raging, including bombs, rockets, heavy-calibre artillery and air force attack, leaves no room for doubt about army involvement."

A European Community statement on Wednesday said that, if an agreement on a ceasefire and a peace conference in Yugoslavia was not achieved by September 1, the EC would convene its own meeting. This was welcomed by the Croatian authorities, who said that they would attend any EC-sponsored peace conference.

"It will go ahead with or without Serbia," said Mario Nobilo, the senior adviser to Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president. "If they continually refuse to co-operate we would be recognised and they would be isolated ... they could not hold out very long if they were isolated politically and economically." There was little reaction from the Serbian leaders, who said that they needed more time to study the proposal.

In Belgrade more than 1,000 angry mothers from Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia converged on the capital to protest at an extension of national service for their sons. Similar demonstrations were held in the eastern Croatian regional capital of Osijek and in Zagreb. They followed two days of protests in the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo.

In Budapest, Mr Kodolanyi noted that the threat to Hungary's border came at a time when the armed forces were

being reduced and partly dismantled. Defence ministry officials claim, however, that the nation can be adequately protected. Colonel Gyorgy Kelete, a ministry spokesman, told the parliamentary national defence committee that planes and helicopters were being sent to patrol the border and radio location systems fortified.

Hungary supports the European Community initiative while remaining sensitive to the fate of half a million ethnic Hungarians in the northern province of Vojvodina, who feel threatened by the prospect of a greater Serbia.

● Paris: Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, has agreed to study the European Community's last-ditch proposal to restore peace in Yugoslavia through a negotiated settlement (Philip Jacobson writes).

After spending 90 minutes with President Mitterrand yesterday, Mr Milosevic said the Serbian government would study the plan carefully "because we are certain that it was put forward in good faith". But any prospect of some kind of European peacekeeping force being deployed in Yugoslavia was given short shrift by the Serbian leader. "Foreign armies would not be welcome on our territory," he said.

Iraq gets protest on incursion

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Foreign Office yesterday summoned the head of the Iraqi interests section in London to deliver a strong protest at the landing by Iraqi military personnel on Bubiyan island, an uninhabited island off the Kuwaiti coast.

A UN team yesterday went to the island to investigate British and Kuwaiti complaints, and security was stepped up in Kuwait City. Britain called the landing "the most serious Iraqi violation yet of the border with Kuwait, in direct contravention of the terms of the ceasefire contained in security council resolution 687."

The Foreign Office said the incursion was a "further example of Iraq's continuing refusal to meet its international obligations", and congratulated Kuwaiti forces on their prompt response. On Wednesday Kuwait protested to the security council over the infiltration of 80 Iraqis on to the island. Some 45 were detained, and about 40 were hiding.

Iraqi yesterday denied that its troops had tried to land on the island, at the entrance to the Shatt-al-Arab waterway. A foreign ministry source called the charge "pure lies."

Ameena: married off to an elderly Saudi Arabian

Father of child bride fights back

From COOMI KAPOOR IN DELHI

THE father of a 10-year-old Indian girl who was married off to an elderly Arab sheikh, has accused those who rescued her of being busybodies and is fighting to reclaim his daughter.

The case of Ameena has focused attention on a thriving trade in the marriage of poor Muslim girls from south India to elderly Middle Eastern men. Ameena, the daughter of a rickshaw puller from Hyderabad, was rescued by an air hostess while she was flying to Delhi. Police in Delhi arrested Sheikh Yahya M. H. Ali Sagih, aged 60, who is from Saudi Arabia. The air hostess says she wants to educate the girl and look after her.

Ameena's father, Badruddin, aged 45, says he is going to demand custody of his daughter. He has dubbed Ameena's rescuers "meddling busy-bodies" and claims that the age given on her school certificate is a mistake.

When the Saudi Arabian offered marriage, after rejecting Ameena's elder sister on the grounds that she was too dark, Badruddin was delighted. Badruddin, who has eight children, said: "We are so poor that such an opportunity could only be considered a godsend." Sheikh Sagih offered the traditional bride price of only 6,000 rupees (£139).

Blockade death toll exceeds 3,000 in Bougainville

From ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY

ON THE other side of the world, as in Eastern Europe, the struggle for independence has its harrowing side. Frustrated aid officials in Canberra were this week counting the human cost of Papua New Guinea's decision to cancel the latest peace talks with Bougainville, the copper-rich island in its North Solomons province, which declared independence last year.

Any hope that Papua New Guinea might lift its 18-month punitive blockade of the island, which has already claimed more than 3,000 lives, appears to have evaporated. Cut off from the outside world, the islanders have been forced to return to an ancient way of life.

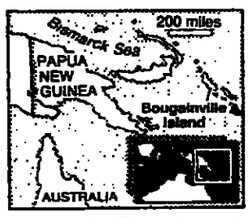
Academics and legal observers in Sydney are increasingly angry that Bob Hawke, the Australian prime minister, has been prepared to recognise the independence of the Soviet Baltic republics without being willing to apply the same standards to Bougainville. Australia, which exercises considerable influence through the large amounts of economic aid it gives to Papua New Guinea, its former colony, has instead chosen to boost that country's increasingly dominant defence force, which enforces the blockade, to help win back Bougainville by force.

In what is described as a form of "germ warfare" by Papua New Guinea to defeat the islanders, the lack of medicines and medical care for preventable diseases has officially claimed the lives of at least 3,000 people, although unofficially, the figure is put at 4,500.

According to Russell Rollason, director of Australia's Council for Overseas Aid, only two doctors remain to care for a population of 150,000. Even Mozambique, he said, had one doctor for every 51,000 people.

"It is malaria warfare at present. Malaria is the biggest killer," he said in Canberra, where he is trying to persuade the Australian and Papua New Guinea governments to lift the blockade. "Bougainville must have the worst situation in the world because of its lack of doctors. People are dying of malaria, measles, whooping cough, tuberculosis and tropical ulcers, and leprosy has re-emerged," he added.

Many babies died at birth, he said, because no surgical services were available. In addition, "five thousand children have been born since the blockade, but our vaccination programme has been thwarted by the Papua New Guinea government hampering access". The Solomon Islands' government, Mr Rollason said, was concerned that an epidemic could spread to its



own people. The aid council has managed to get only two emergency medical shipments through to Bougainville this year and Australian government aid to restore Bougainville's only hospital, in Arawa, the capital, has been halted by the ending of the peace talks.

The cancellation of the talks, sponsored by New Zealand, which were to have started this week, came after Bougainville's successful attempt this month to have its case heard by the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva. Rabbie Namaliu, Papua New Guinea's prime minister, is to have discussions with Mr Hawke in the hope of reviving talks with the Bougainville rebels in the next few weeks.

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Sihanouk underlines peace hope

Pattaya, Thailand — One obstacle remains in the way of a Cambodian peace settlement, according to Prince Norodom Sihanouk, chairman of the country's Supreme National Council (Neil Kelly writes).

At the end of four days of talks, he was confident that a treaty would be signed within two months. He hoped it would be a birthday gift from his people on October 31. The Khmer Rouge abandoned their demand for the virtual disbanding of the security police. The government agreed to drop references to Khmer Rouge crimes. Agreement was not reached on a future electoral system.

Sicilian victim

Rome — A Sicilian businessman who had made a stand against the Mafia by announcing that he would not pay them protection money was shot dead in Palermo. Libero Grassi had declared that he "would rather die than bend to the Mafia's will". In March, six suspects were arrested on the basis of his evidence.

Refugee ruling

Tokyo — Japan's forced repatriation to China of a student who said she was involved in pro-democracy protests in 1989 was illegal, Amnesty International said. Lin Guizhen was put on a plane for Shanghai on August 14, after the justice ministry ruled that she was not a political refugee *(Reuter)*

Amnesty denied

Johannesburg — Despite ANC pleas, President de Klerk has refused an amnesty for an English neo-nazi near death after a five-week jail hunger strike. Henry Martin, aged 49, from Nottingham, is one of three members of the extreme right-wing Orde van Boerevolk protesting at prosecution on bombing charges.

Water work

Sirte, Libya — Colonel Gadaffi has turned on the taps of an enormous artificial river and irrigation project designed to make the desert green again. The pipeline, which he has called the eighth wonder of the world, will bring water 1,200 miles from aquifers beneath the Sahara desert to the arid Mediterranean coast. *(Reuter)*

Paris killer shot

Paris — A man who was freed recently from a psychiatric hospital shot dead three neighbours on a rundown Paris housing estate. The gunman was killed by police marksmen after a 12-hour siege, during which he made incoherent demands and then tried to escape, using a baby as a shield. *(Reuter)*

Frog march

Nicosia — The Iranian port of Qazian has been invaded by frogs, the Iranian news agency Irna said. It blamed rising river levels in nearby marshes and a defunct frog-breeding and canning factory, closed since the 1979 Islamic revolution. Streets and houses had been invaded "in large swarms". *(Reuter)*

Mother on trial: Wanda Holloway entering a courtroom in Houston, Texas, at the start of the third day of her trial. Mrs Holloway is accused of trying to hire someone to kill the mother of her 13-year-old daughter's rival for a position on her school cheerleading squad

Bows and smiles reward disgraced Tokyo financier

Japanese brokerage firms embroiled in scandal are facing the friendliest of enquiries, **Joanna Pitman** writes

SETSUYA Tabuchi, the disgraced former chairman of Nomura Securities, the biggest brokerage house in the world, gave one of his finest performances before a parliamentary finance committee yesterday, when called to testify under oath on Nomura's links with gangsters, its alleged rigging of share prices, and its participation in an illicit stock loss compensation scheme.

The erstwhile "king of the world's securities industry" stood, arms folded and head bowed, in the opulent wood-panelled parliamentary chamber, braced for what had been billed as "a real grilling" from politicians, ostensibly incensed at the immorality of the financial world. For Nomura Securities, which has stashed away assets worth £22 billion, is despised by the public, who see it as Japan's most venal financial titan.

But Mr Tabuchi's two-hour ordeal turned out to be rather a friendly affair. Bows were performed, unctuous deference shown and the most courteous language available summoned before one of Japan's most powerful moneymen. Far from being a trial by an impartial jury, this was a trial by grateful customers. For it is an open secret that Mr Tabuchi and his colleagues manipulate share prices to funnel millions of yen to the ruling Liberal Democratic party and to opposition parties, so that they can meet the high costs of Japanese election campaigns.

If only for the sake of the public, the special parliamentary committee set up to investigate the scandals went through the motions of investigation yesterday. Yuji Tsushima of the Liberal Democrats asked if he might humbly enquire about Mr Tabuchi's honourable relations with the underworld. "Who exactly introduced Nomura to Tokyo's most powerful gangster?" he ventured.

Mr Tabuchi, who last month had vowed to tell all if summoned to testify in parliament, revealed that he could remember the man's name on Wednesday, but "oddly enough, today it has slipped my mind". More than 150 heads nodded sympathetically and Mr Tsushima moved to his next question with a smile. While this prompted sniggers in the back rows and press gallery, the public only heard Mr Tabuchi's voice on the still photo broadcasts that dominated television all day.

Watching the proceedings in the Diet, one got the impression that Mr Tabuchi was being rather more economical with the truth than he has been with donations to his political friends. He claimed that the ministry of finance had not known about the loss compensation scheme before it became public in June. Yet last month Tadao Chino, the finance ministry's vice-minister for international affairs, said that his ministry had been aware of the scheme since March 1990.

Following time-honoured tradition, however, Mr Tabuchi, who is still employed as an "adviser" to Nomura, got off the hook by repeating his profuse apologies for Nomura's multiple misdemeanours and taking full responsibility.

Takuya Iwasaki, former president and now vice-chairman of Nikko Securities, Japan's third largest broker and another guilty party in the scandals, took the floor yesterday afternoon and likewise denied stock price manipulation and any memory of gangsters' names.

Dealing with gangsters is not illegal. But the fuss that has surrounded this scandal prompted the national police agency to deliver an unprecedented warning on Wednesday to the banking and securities industries to cease business with the criminal underworld. The police urged them to set up a watchdog organisation to monitor suspect customers' accounts to cut off the supply of speculative cash which keeps Japan's gangsters in cigars, stretch limousines and real estate all over the world.

● **Toyota admission:** The Toyota Motor Corporation admitted receiving 2.19 billion yen (£948 million) in compensation from Daiwa Securities, after earlier denying it, but insisted that it had not demanded it. *(Reuter)*

Nigel Kennedy and his pug in Edinburgh: "I'm not into image. I don't really put thought into my clothes at all"

The dog, the fiddle and our boy Nigel

Nigel Kennedy talks to Kate Muir about music, dress sense and selling his soul for art. His dog says a lot, too

Like a rampant super-fungus doubling in size every minute, immune to all known drugs, the hype surrounding Nigel Kennedy grows and grows. At this rate, it would not be surprising if a large Lenin-style statue in Lennon-style glasses is reworked in his image somewhere, lauding his contribution to the People's understanding of classical music. Already this week, members of the crowd at the Edinburgh book festival appear to be falling to their knees before the maestro as he makes his entrance.

On closer inspection, the worshippers turn out to be fans and photographers, going for low level shots of Mr Kennedy's fascinating bottom half. This includes: a black shoe on one foot and a white on the other; two milky, hairy legs in knee-length shorts; a Guarneri violin worth ransoming; and a miniature pug dog of epic ugliness wearing an Aston Villa scarf.

The pug is worth describing for a moment, before further investigating the Kennedy myth, because it plays a significant role throughout this story, and is an indication of taste. It is about the colour and size of a biscuit, with a black, shrivelled face. It trots into a large tent, where fans have been queuing for two hours for the pleasure of hearing Mr Kennedy promote his new autobiography, *Always Playing* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.99). "I like taped some stuff and my manager John did the actual typing and then we changed a few things," Mr Kennedy says, accounting for the incontinent feel of the narrative and the over-reliance on the noun "bullshit". But he at least had a good reason for selling his soul for six figures: he wanted to buy a decent violin since the pay-as-you-play scheme on his Stradivarius was going nowhere fast as the instrument upped in value. Hence the Guarneri, which is from the same era. "The tone qualities were amazing and it sounded far more sophisticated," he says.

These subtleties are beyond most of the squashed audience, who are more interested in finding out why Nige's shoes are different colours, whether he is going to Aston Villa v Hibs, and where he got his mockney accent. "Tesco," he answers. Fortunately, the inanities are cut short when Mr Kennedy puts his fiddle to his shoulder, and accompanied by a guitarist, plays jazz. The fiddle is shouldered because he is allergic to 18th century resin and is recovering from the removal of a cyst from his neck.

The result, despite the handicap, is, as one of the audience puts it, "gobsmacking". Even when disrupted by a crying baby, Mr Kennedy incorporates the waa-waa rhythm into his next improvisation, and serenades it back. The wit missing in his conversation comes out in his music. His fingers race down the neck of the violin like an exploded pack of pale chipolata sausages. The audience is in heaven, and rightly so. They pant for more.

There is none forthcoming. Instead there is booksigning. Sadly, Mr Kennedy has not learnt the simple truth about himself — that he should be heard (musically) but not seen. Unwisely, he goes on to the Assembly Rooms to sign more books and give a *Guardian* lecture. The subject: Nigel Kennedy. The set-up: Nigel on stage with a beer and a chair, under which lurks the pug.

"There's a strong movement to take classical music into a museum situation, but I'm in the business to take a few risks, mainly musical, but also with the peripheral things." The pug shuffles sulkily. Clearly he has heard this before. "I'm not into image. I don't really put thought into my clothes at all. Does no one think it's at all odd that a hundred people in a symphony orchestra all turn up dressed the same like penguins?" The pug rolls on its back and dies. Later, as Mr Kennedy "surprises" the audience with a bit of John Coltrane, the pug escapes from under the chair, takes centre stage, lifts its leg threateningly, and then spends five minutes shaking its head and gnashing the Aston Villa scarf until it falls to the floor. The pug looks smug.

To allow your musical talents to be upstaged by your dog, never mind your clothes, is rather a waste. At 34½ years old, Mr Kennedy had better realise that, or he is for the scrap heap. By selling himself more than his music (with his versions of Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* and Brahm's Violin Concerto in D going to the top of the charts) he is in danger of gaining the short shelf-life of a pop star, at the expense of a long career on the shelf with the other classical musicians.

Over afternoon tea — a pint of bitter, a cup of tea and some "monster" egg sandwiches — Mr Kennedy expresses fears for his future. "Yeah, I think there's a danger of burnout. I've got loads of ideas for new stuff at the moment, but later . . ." Under the table, the pug sighs resignedly. "I mean there are lots of things I'm really pissed off about in my career. Now I'm taking responsibility for every detail because I'm working with people who don't know about classical music, and don't know you need 80 people to play Brahms and 20 for Vivaldi. They just think it's an orchestra." His manager for the past three years of fame has been John Stanley. Previous clients: the Bay City Rollers and Ronald Reagan.

Mr Kennedy justifies his self-exploitation by saying he needed to buy a violin as good as those used by contemporaries such as Anne-Sophie Mutter. "I think it's OK if the audience has to put up with a shit commercial from me to get a better standard of playing in the long run."

His expressions belong more to a boy half his age. He is rather sweet and naive, a little surprised by the attacks he has merited from John Drummond, the controller of Radio 3, and others. It is as though the musical half of his brain has over-developed, leaving little space for maturity. It becomes clear that time stopped for Mr Kennedy when he was 17. His clothes, described as punky and trendy by ageing critics, are in fact old-fashioned numbers from the late Camden-Market era. His vocabulary — "monster", "hey man", "cool", "that cat Viv(aldi)" — is dated, too. His taste in popular music is rather Seventies: he is a fan of Kate Bush and Peter Gabriel. His interests, football and "doing in some grey cells, man", have developed little over the years, except that now he is the only person allowed in the Aston Villa box without a tie.

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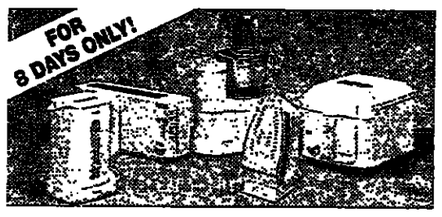

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RECORDS: JAZZ

Africa evoked

Abdullah Ibrahim: Mantra Mode (Enja/Tiptoe 888810)
Dollar Brand: African Sketchbook (Enja CD-2026)
Tuck & Patti: Dream (Windham Hill Jazz WD-0130)

After a decade and a half in exile, the pianist **Abdullah Ibrahim** is back at work in South Africa. During his years in New York, he maintained a prolific flow of meditative recordings, all steeped in the sounds of his native country. Assembling fragments of folk music and township songs, he evoked a sometimes romanticised panorama of the African continent, like a landscape artist painting from memory.

Recorded in Cape Town, the new album features the soloists – led by Basil "Mannenberg" Coetzee – who appeared with Ibrahim in London six months ago. Otherwise the framework of the septet Ekaya remains intact. While Ibrahim no longer uses those acute saxophonists Ricky Ford and Carlos Ward, the looser ensemble work of the present musicians has its compensations.

There are no other dramatic changes. Ibrahim still possesses an ear for traditional themes, his rolling piano chords continue to evoke images of languid church assemblies. The unadorned simplicity of the compositions is a rare phenomenon in modern jazz, and all the more affecting for that. He has produced more striking albums in recent years, but this outing finds him close to his best form.

The re-issue of *African Sketchbook*, meanwhile, takes us back to 1969, when Ibrahim was still known as **Dollar Brand**. A set of solo performances on both piano and flute, the album catches him halfway between the austerity of his mid-Sixties phase and the lyricism of later years.

Windham Hill's jazz imprint's releases have been somewhat anonymous. The partnership of singer **Patti Cathcart** and guitarist **Tuck Andress** is the exception. They steer closer to soul music and soft rock than jazz in a se of romantic duets: it migh have been called "Songs F Laid-Back Lovers". The d has its stylistic limitations, Cathcart's smoky voice is ways a commanding prese

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GALLERIES: OUT OF LONDON

Constable's lot was not a happy one

John Russell Taylor on the early work and influences of John Constable, and a late flowering in the work of painter Derek Hirst

Some great artists are infant prodigies, who seem to know all that they need to know, on a technical level at least, before they are fully weaned. But being a self-evident hare does not necessarily guarantee winning the race to artistic greatness when pitted against the patient tortoise. If, at the end of the 18th century, Turner was clearly the most spectacular hare around, John Constable could early have been defined as a tortoise. It would be a bold judge who would dare assert which of them finally came off best.

The current Constable show at the Tate Gallery in London has many advantages of broad coverage and taste in selection when selection has had to be done. But there is one thing that it signally lacks, and that is clear documentation of Constable's fumbling beginnings. Hence the indispensability of From Gainsborough to Constable, the show at Gainsborough's House in Sudbury. In London there is only one really early picture by Constable. In Sudbury the very latest Constable watercolour was painted around 1805, and the majority of the oil paintings date from the early and mid-1790s. Somebody at the show observed: "If Constable were a poet, these would be the juvenilia he left out of his collected edition." And that may well be true. The sort of editor who resurrects such is often condemned for cheapening our view of the great man, if not actually desecrating his monument.

'Mastering the basic craft of his calling was hard work for Constable'

But such an idea becomes ludicrous at this exhibition. If we are invited to note how halting were Constable's first steps in art, this can only increase our amazement that such splendid and extraordinary work finally emerged. It also explains why, throughout his career, Constable retained his rather pathetic desire for the respect and recognition of his peers in the Academy, and persisted in painting the large show-pieces which seem to go against the true grain of his genius.

There is no doubt that Constable in his early twenties was remarkably unpromising. Mastering the basic craft of his calling was really hard work for Constable, and something in which he was largely self-taught. Here he is to be seen laboriously copying Raphael's *Christ's Charge to Peter*, not even directly, but through the medium of Dorigny's engraving, presumably the only form available to him. His earliest extant painting, *Moonlight. Landscape with Hadleigh Church* of 1796, represents a real triumph, in that for all its awkwardness and its dependence in detail on the observation of other artists, it still manages to produce something magical and not exactly like anything that has gone before.

Perhaps the most useful aspect of the show is that which demonstrates very clearly exactly what had gone before, particularly in Constable's own personal experience. He was, after all, a country boy, with little of what the Londonbred artist would know available to him. He greatly admired the work of some rustic and now nearly forgotten figures like John Cranch, whose energetic, ungainly *Peasants Burning Guy Fawkes*, or something very like it, seems to have suggested the group around the bonfire to the right of the Hadleigh Church painting. Constable was certainly acquainted at an early date with the illustrated writings of Gilpin on the picturesque, and knew personally John Thomas Smith, author of another influential teach-yourself book, *Remarks on Rural Scenery*.

These experts handed on a formularised version of English landscape technique, as pioneered by Gainsborough and taken up by his nephew Gainsborough Dupont and by such dilettantes as Sir George Beaumont, whose feeble work on show here suggests that Wordsworth was over-indulgent to a friend when he found in Beaumont's painting "the light that never was on land or sea". It humanises Constable to find out so much about his first faltering steps in art. It certainly in no way diminishes him to observe what obstacles he had initially to contend with, and how triumphantly he overcame them.

Derek Hirst has always been a painter inclined towards abstraction, but he has never cut completely free from some kind of landscape base. Now in his early sixties, he is essentially a conservative painter, hardly the sort of figure from whom anything very innovative or extraordinary would be expected. But if that is the way he is perceived, visitors to his new show at Pallant House, Chichester, are in for a surprise.

To begin with, the dividing line between painting and sculpture is annihilated in these new works. They are like paintings, in that they hang on walls and make most of their subtler effects through the use of colour. But they are also undoubtedly reliefs, prepared as such and coloured afterwards. The subject-matter, hinted at least, is the sea and its changing moods: the relief elements can be read therefore as rendering the sea's surface, the ripples and the waves. But Hirst goes beyond mere hints: one picture makes the eye travel downwards over slight undulations (each one defined by a cord buried in the surface) until at the very bottom there is a strip of literal pebbles left high and dry by the water's retreat. Even the paper works are sculptural: the abstractions made on a visit to Japan began depending entirely on the play of variations across the uncoloured paper's surface, and had traces of colour added only later on. It is a measure of Hirst's recent advance that today it makes as much sense to compare him with the Boyle Family as it does with Whistler.

From Gainsborough to Constable. Gainsborough's House, 46 Gainsborough Street, Sudbury (0787 72958). Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, until October 13. General admission £1.50, concessions 75p.

Derek Hirst. Pallant House, 9 North Pallant, Chichester (0243 774557). Tues-Sat 10am-4.45pm. Until September 28.

Moonlight Landscape with Hadleigh Church, 1796: the earliest extant John Constable painting, on show at Gainsborough's House

CRITIC'S CHOICE: LONDON

SCENE PAINTER: Peter Doig is British-born but grew up in Canada. His large and expressive paintings seem to be mostly inspired by the scenes of his childhood. This show is part of his 1990 Whitechapel Artists Award.
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MOZART TO THE LIFE: The British Library's contribution to the bicentennial Mozart festivities includes some major musical autographs, as well as portraits and prints and the wondering testimony of contemporaries.
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RECORDS: ROCK

Passion controlled is passion lost

All About Eve: "Touched by Jesus" (Vertigo 510 146-1)
Laurie Freelove: Smells Like Truth (Ensign CCD 1849)
Bomb The Bass: Unknown Territory (Rhythm King 468774 2)

How is it possible for **All About Eve** to throw so many spices into the stew – folk, rock, gothic, hippie, indie-pop – yet still manage to produce a finished article with the bland mainstream flavour of a Fleetwood Mac album?

"Touched by Jesus" is All About Eve's first longplayer since the painful rupturing of the founding partnership of guitarist Tim Bricheno (now a Sister Of Mercy) and singer Julianne Regan. Bricheno's replacement, Marty Willson-Piper, performs with clinical efficiency but little passion. Where his bright, tuneful arpeggios are beefed up by the muscular bravado of Pink Floyd's David Gilmour on "Are You Lonely" and "Wishing the Hours Away", the band (completed by drummer Mark Bryce and bass-player Andy Cousins) achieves a certain magisterial grace.

However, it is the cool, lucid tone of Regan's voice, and her precise enunciation of lyrics that speak of "October leaves", "November skies", "dreamless sleep" and "souls that cry", which give the album its faintly mystical air of genteel poise. Whatever elemental forces may be at work underneath, nothing much is allowed to disturb the glacial calm of the surface.

Glacial surface calm: Julianne Regan and Andy Cousins, two members of All About Eve

Where Regan glows with a gentle beatific radiance, **Laurie Freelove** burns with a fierce engulfing passion on her debut, *Smells Like Truth*. An art-school graduate from Austin, Texas, Freelove was recently signed to the small London-based label that nurtured Sinead O'Connor, and she is clearly possessed of a similarly wayward talent and intense disposition.

Her New Age/folky songs are not what you would call restful and her voice is an abrasive, weathered instrument, occasionally shrill, with a crone-ish edge to it on "Arms of a Dream" and "Song to the Siren" that is redolent of Marianne Faithfull's lived-in timbre. The lyrics are bleak and oblique. Freelove's future looks bright, but if music is a window into the performer's soul then this woman has been through some troubled times.

Bomb The Bass is the clearing house for the work of Tim Simenon, one of the new breed of dance music producer-performer-*auteurs*. The recent hit "Winter in July", a soul ballad featuring the singing of Loretta Heywood, gives little indication of the industrial-strength dancefloor grooves that dominate the rest of Bomb The Bass's second album, *Unknown Territory*.

Less blippy than 808 State's recent masterwork *excel*, but every bit as inventive, it bowls along at a brisk rate, with funk bass lines provided by Doug Wimbish lashed to a percussive framework of jackhammer beats. Deploying computers and synthesizers like power tools, Simenon lathes his music to exhilarating peaks of mechanised perfection.

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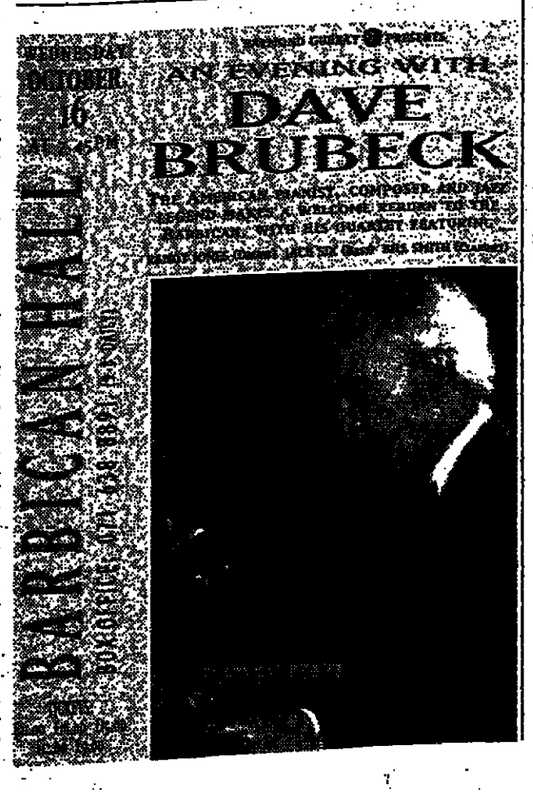

ROCK NEWS

● **Simply Red** return to the fray in the New Year. Still led by Mick Hucknall, but with another revamped line-up, they appear at Aberdeen Exhibition & Conference Centre (031-557 6969) January 16 1992; G-Mex, Manchester (061-832 9000) January 17, 18; NEC, Birmingham (02- 780 4133) January 20, 21; Wembley Arena (081-900 1234) January 23, 24; Sheffield International Arena (0802 483456) January 26; SECC, Glasgow (031-557 6969) January 27.

● **The Wonder Stuff** appear at G-Mex, Manchester (061-832 9000) December 11; Granby Hall, Leicester (0533 552644) December 12; Brixton Academy, London SW9 (071-326 1022) December 14, 15.

● **Guy**, the American soul trio featuring **Teddy Riley** (producer of Whitney Houston, Bobby Brown and the forthcoming Michael Jackson album *Dangerous*) reach England next month. Apollo, Manchester (061-273 3775) September 11; Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (071-748 4081) September 12, 13, 14. Support on all dates is The Cookie Crew.

● **New Model Army** undertake nationwide manoeuvres to promote their estimable live album, *Raw Melody Man*. As on previous tours, a limited number of season tickets, valid for all shows, are available, price £35. Hummingbird, Birmingham (021-236 4236) December 13; De Montford Hall, Leicester (0533 544444) December 14; Studio, Bristol (0272 276193) December 15; Queens Hall, Bradford (0274 392712) December 16, 17; Northgate Arena Leisure Centre, Chester (0244 380444) December 18; Brixton Academy, London SW9 (071-326 1022) December 19.

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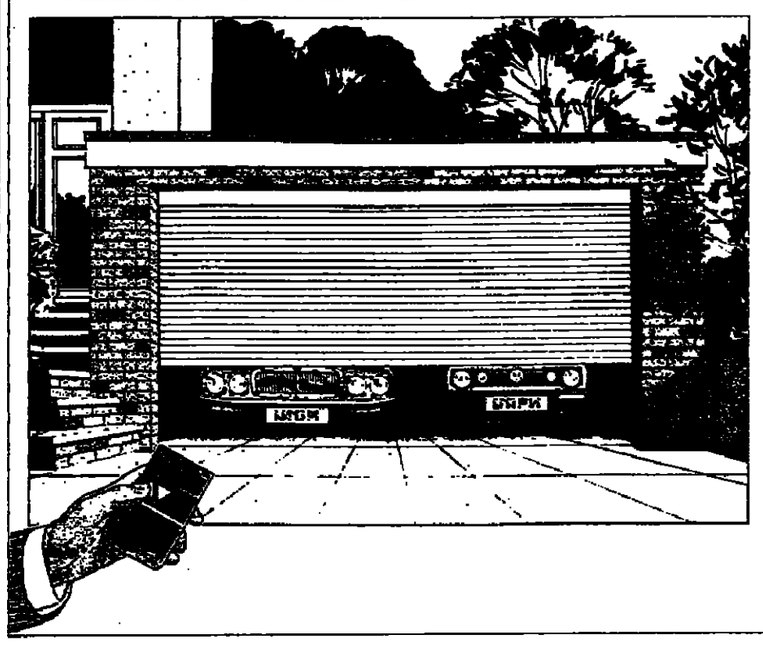

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Confusing the ancient astrological humours is no laughing matter

Astrology is bunk, and a pseudo-science. We know that. But we are in a minority, to judge by the pathetic prognostications of the sillier papers, the prevalence of astromancers advising the great and good in the far east and many other parts of the world, and a recent American president who would not leave the White House or change his knickers if the stars were wrong. Not long after the time when Dr Dee was star specialist by appointment to the queen, Shakespeare got astrology right: "This is the excellent foppery of the world, that, when we are sick in fortune (often the surfeit of our own behaviour) we make guilty of our disasters the sun, the moon, and the stars; as if we were villains by necessity."

The Babylonians went into astrology in their attempts to explain the movements of the heavenly bodies. Recent research has uncovered their mathematics: calculations of prodigious complexity and beauty, 15 centuries before the first Greek philosopher looked up at the majestical roof fretted by night with golden fire, and scratched his shaggy head.

Since the hokum of astrology, tarot, and all the other con-tricks and idiocies of foretelling the future are still widely dispersed among supposedly civilised nations, it is a pity that we get their terminology so wrong. For example, the stock epithet for Dr David Owen in the newspapers is "saturnine", which is evidently taken to mean something like darkly handsome, restlessly ambitious, pushy and changeable. But in astrological jargon it means pretty well the opposite: grave, phlegmatic, gloomy, dull and glowering. Astrologers affirm that such is the disposition of those who are born under the influence of Saturn, the planet that typified lead in the mumbo-jumbo of alchemy.

Another term of astrological jargon has suddenly started to be widely misused in the past few months. Our fathers in the middle ages and Renaissance believed that there were four principal humours (fluids) in the human body: phlegm, blood, choler and black bile. Whichever predominated determined the temper of the person's mind and body. From this belief come our words to describe characters: sanguine, choleric, phlegmatic and melancholic. The ideal was to be born with a good mixture of liquids, which meant you had a good humour. If you had too much of one of the juices, you were said to have an ill or evil humour.

In astrological jargon, sanguine ought to mean full of vitality and vivacious, courageous, hopeful and of an amorous disposition. The sanguine person should also have ruddy cheeks. In the prologue to *The Canterbury Tales*, the Franklin (freeholder or landowner) has a sanguine complexion. This is the meaning in which it has been used until this year, for example in a book called *English Journalism*: "It was published under difficulties which would have killed any man of less sanguine temperament."

People have got hold of the wrong end of the humour, and are starting to use sanguine to mean something like relaxed and laid-back, not tense and rigid, cool and hip. Here is a cricketing example of our new sort of sanguine: "Gower was cited as a bad influence, a player whose sanguine style was at odds with the single-minded front presented by Gooch and Stewart." If we are going to use these old astrological terms, and then use them in their opposite meanings, there are enough astrology nutters to be confused. Confusion is the element in which astrology lives. Journalism ought to avoid it.

Designing our way out of delinquency

Build a friendly environment not a threatening one, urges Janet Daley

Bang goes another idealistic attempt to create utopia. Letting individuals take responsibility for their own bit of the planet works infinitely better than any commune. I am not talking here about Moscow, but about Camden. The £50 million research project dedicated to proving what most of us have known all along — that vast tower blocks set in acres of common wilderness are a social disaster — should bury the last illusions of 1960s urban planners.

The King's College team currently labouring away to provide evidence of how much better life can be when public housing is designed with at least some human sensitivity, has come to some startling conclusions. Even the most fervent critics of modern council estates will have been taken aback to learn that crime levels could be reduced by 50 per cent and vandalism to almost nothing by some simple design changes.

In the language favoured by social researchers, what has been introduced is the innovative idea of "private spaces" (gardens to you and me), and "semi-public spaces" (fenced-in areas for the tenants of a particular block). Where there was wilderness, there are now grounds for which someone feels responsible. Where gangs of miscreant youths once rampaged without check, there are now what the project calls "defensible spaces".

And miraculously enough the marauding delinquents can be stopped by something as homely as a garden fence and a sense that the piece of land on which they are encroaching belongs (at least in the moral sense) to *someone*.

According to one of the researchers, the new modifications have a "social disciplining" effect. Disciplining? True believers of the 1960s would have expired at the use of such a word in connection with public housing. Parents who supervise their own offspring (and other people's) from their own window; adults who keep a responsible surveillance on territory over which they have some control: where will it all end?

More to the point, where might it go from here? What other apparently intractable social problems might be curable by replacing ideology by common sense in the designed environment? There is the hardy perennial of declining education standards. While we berate the schools, and political parties blame one another, teachers themselves say it is all the fault of deteriorating pupil behaviour. Children are now so ungovernable that education takes second place to crowd control.

Look back to the old ways: desks allow pupils personal space

Let us introduce the modish concepts of "private spaces" and "social discipline" to the classroom. Each child, from primary school upwards, could have his own individual work station which would consist of a capacious container for books, working materials and personal treasures. This repository would have a lid which would constitute a writing surface and a protector of private possessions. The seat of this excellent device could be welded to it so that the entire unit became a child's self-contained piece of inviolable territory.

To enable the teacher to maintain effective discipline, these units (to be called desks) would all face the front, allowing the teacher to have eye contact with the entire class simultaneously. So that the teacher might pass among them easily for individual words of instruction or remonstrance, the desks could be arranged in a linear fashion with aisles between them.

The lines (to be known colloquially as rows) could have a team function, with the first child in each one taking responsibilty for its order. What marvels of educational advancement might result from this rearrangement of furniture and accoutrements.

Being liberated from the idea that all the nation's most serious problems must have deeply entrenched root causes presents all sorts of new possibilities for design solutions. Take for example the hopeless mess of public transport, the employees of which seem to be engaged in a sadistic conspiracy against the traveller. I have always suspected that the service would be nothing like so execrable if staff were forced to make themselves accessible.

What if on tube platforms those infuriating doors marked "Staff only" were made of glass so that the crew inside busy brewing up were gallingly visible to their rioting customers? Reciprocally, they could observe, from the security of their sanctum, any nefarious activity taking place on the platform. As the King's College team stresses, surveillance is the name of the game in creating a safe environment.

Discouraging bad behaviour by physical changes is largely a matter of political will, of course. It would be perfectly possible, for example, to make it illegal to manufacture or sell a car able to reach speeds above the legal limit. Political decisions could directly have prevented the débâcle of tower-block housing estates, but the culture of the time was full of utopian fervour. Now that the command economy and the monolithically planned community are both in disrepute, perhaps we, with more modest aspirations, can design ourselves out of the brutal shambles that is left.

The independent Ukraine will need new leaders for the transition to a market economy, writes Roger Boyes

Partners, but not a union

The tsars knew it; even the communists understood. Russia and the Ukraine together form the most powerful alliance in the unhappy eastern empire. This great sweep of territory contains the rump of the fractured superpower: the oil, the food, the coal, the motor of the economy.

If President Boris Yeltsin can make a deal stick with the Ukraine, he will have won the game for the future of the Soviet Union, and Mr Gorbachev will be virtually redundant. But despite some tentative agreement this week, it will not be easy to yoke the two largest Soviet republics. Above all, the Ukraine has to come to terms with a social crisis that has been brushed aside in the sprint for independence. What should be the political shape of an independent Ukraine? Can it be ruled by communists? Would this mean exchanging Russian for Soviet domination?

The Ukraine is one of the most prosperous regions of the Union: it covers something less than three per cent of Soviet territory, yet supplies 20 per cent of its grain, 25 per cent of its coal, almost half of its iron ore. But the shops in even its largest cities — Kiev, Kharkov, Donetsk — are almost indecently bare. The farmers, lacking petrol, are bringing in the harvest on horseback. The reason, says Ukrainian deputy Yaroslav Dmytryshyn is the Soviet exploitation and bleeding of Ukrainian resources. The new Union Treaty does little to ease the problem: it merely guarantees the Ukraine's status as a sovereign colony.

This universal Ukrainian diagnosis is heard not only in Kiev but in Lvov. However, the logical next step, independence from the Soviet Union and full control of republican resources, would not solve many of the problems. As a first step to achieving a separate currency, Ukrainian authorities have been stamping rouble notes with a special Ukrainian seal. The traders queuing to cross into Poland (the line is now ten days long, and one border point has had to be closed for hygiene reasons) know this to be an empty gesture. The only currency that counts in Ukrainian cities is the black market dollar.

The blue-and-yellow Ukrainian flag now garlands every building. A short time ago, possession of such a pennant could have led to a prison sentence. Despite all the paraphernalia, the modern Ukraine has never been really independent.

In 1654, the Ukrainian Cossack headman Bogdan Khmelnitsky appealed to his countrymen to join the Russian state against the Poles. The Ukraine enjoyed a brief taste of independence again in January 1918, but it lasted only a matter of months. When, after the second world war, western and eastern Ukraine were joined together once more, there was clearly no question of independence. So the republic has no recent experience of how to manage independence, let alone how to combine it with democratic institutions and a free market.

Over the past two years, the Ukrainians have been taking a crash course in democracy, and a new political class — dominated by ex-gulag prisoners jailed for nationalism — is almost ready to take over when communist power finally crumples. The communists always kept the Ukraine tightly battened down; the party leadership and KGB were always among the most thuggish in the Soviet Union.

The Chernobyl explosion on Ukrainian terrain knitted together different threads of the dissident movement: the fight for the Ukrainian language — now even Mr Kavchuk usues Ukrainian in public speeches — the fight for the Uniate Church, the fight against nuclear power and pollution, and, in the Donbas mines, the fight against the official trade unions.

Almost all of these disputes have been taken up by the *Rukh* democracy movement, a broad platform that resembles Solidarity in Poland and Sajudis in Lithuania. Like Sajudis, it has evolved rapidly from a movement seeking greater national autonomy to a fully-fledged independence and protest organisation. And like Solidarity, it will soon split in myriad pieces as a proper multi-party system takes root.

Yet neither *Rukh* nor President Kravchuk's moderate communists have solved the economic riddle. Mr Kravchuk has been stealing some *Rukh* clothes and has worked out a list of demands for economic sovereignty. The Ukrainian parliament overwhelmingly rejects central government laws on foreign currency, taxation and trade. The Ukraine wants not only to keep control of its taxes, but to have the decisive say over which factories and industries on its terrain should be denationalised.

Then what? Clearly there will be moves towards a market economy, but the Ukrainian blueprint is more blurred than that for Boris Yeltsin's Russia. Mr Kravchuk does not have the high calibre economic advisers available to the Russian president, and the Ukrainian leaders lack the political will for a radical shift to the market.

The lesson from Eastern Europe is that political reform must keep pace with the economic changes. Political leaders have to search constantly for new concessions — more powerful parliaments, full press freedom, unions with muscle, ombudsmen, freedom to travel, independent courts — while demanding economic sacrifice from the workers.

A nationalist agenda by itself is not enough, especially when so many communists are quickly dressing up in nationalist guise. If an alliance between Russia and the Ukraine is to be the most important axis in the Soviet Union of the future, then the Ukraine should start dismantling its communist machine immediately. A reformed socialist like Mr Kravchuk is ill equipped to lead the Ukraine to a prosperous independence; the Ukraine is waiting for its own Boris Yeltsin.

...and moreover

Alan Coren

Forgive me for getting your day off to so unsettling a start, but I have to tell you that 441,600 of you are in mortal danger. Indeed, in the (admittedly unlikely) event that your 441,600 husbands and wives all succeed in simultaneously getting their act together today, none of you will see tomorrow. Even now, for some of you, it may be too late. You may not be reading this at all. You may be face down in the cornflakes or face up at the bottom of the bath, you may be fused terminally to the National Grid or nourishing the rockery, you may be winging your way through the post in a dozen different neatly wrapped, if somewhat soggy, parcels. Nearly 1,900 of you may have tripped over a cheese-wire stretched across the stairs and be sprawled lifeless in the hall below, incarnadining the Axminster.

Certain assumptions underlie these statistics, of course, but that is merely something they share with all statistics extrapolated from cross-sections, and I have no reason to believe that my own survey would not pass demographic muster. It is a cull of 236 citizens of the London Borough of Barnet, and as such represents almost exactly one tenth of one per cent of the area's adult population, expressed nationally, that is over 50,000 people, a sample more than acceptable were one to be thinking of marketing a new baked bean or hatchback.

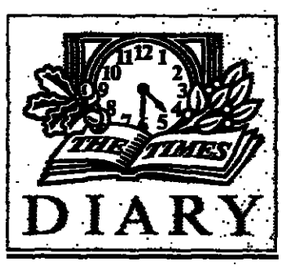
Nor do I believe the 236 to be anything but pretty representative of the 960,000 readers of this newspaper. My samples are self-evidently educated, intelligent and literate, and, broken down by sex and age (as indeed so many of us are), they correspond very closely to what research shows to be the median *Times* reader. Which is how I arrive at my conclusions concerning the threat hovering over 46 per cent of those blithely flipping through today's pages. Were opportunity ever the fine thing we constantly beg it to be, the *Times* readership would be down to 518,000 in a trice, and you would not be able to cross the street for hearses trundling one way and police cars hurtling the other, never mind circulation managers plummetting from upper windows.

I judge this to be the case, because of something else I have been judging. It is the Barnet Library Festival's Mini-Mystery Competition, in which contestants were invited to submit stories of exactly 50 words. They were not invited to submit murder stories, they were free to romp about in burglary, assault, fraud, blackmail, arson, kidnap, scribbling in the margins of library books — but these options were eschewed almost without exception. Of the 236 who entered, 219 went for the big one; but most disturbing of all, 109 of these addressed their best efforts to the expunction of spouses.

And how sickeningly brilliant those efforts were! How fertile, weird, devious, and downright beastly the brains that cobbled them! How ripely malevolent the imaginations in which their spousicidal fantasies had been marinating for God knew how long! How lip-smacking the relish with which each word of the 50 was turned! These were no literary confections, cobbled on the spur of the contest for the fun of it and submitted for a handful of silver and a ribbon to stick in the coat, these were patently the distillations of long years of savouring and brooding and refining. Oh, the *ways* of doing it, the inherent potential for foul (and undiscoverable) murder spotted in the most innocent domestic items, face-flannels, shopping trolleys, window-winders, cat-flaps, food processors, bottle-openers, garden chairs, nose-drops — push open the rustless wrought-iron gate of Barnet, stroll up the weed-free path between the immaculately dead-headed and insecticided hybrids, chime the spotlessly polished mock-knocker on the fresh-painted door, and walk into the Black Museum.

What lies before me as I judge is not a sheaf of tiny fictions, it is a psychopathology of everyday life. How am I to avoid the conclusion that 46 per cent of the more intelligent middle-class of this country are surreptitiously eager for death to get parting as quickly and peculiarly as possible?

And can I come to terms with this before my wife gets home? It is, as I recall, her turn to prepare dinner.



● *When John Major arrives in Moscow this Sunday, he may find that the fate of Oleg Gordievsky's family, who have been under virtual house arrest since the former KGB man defected to Britain in 1985, has been settled. Major has taken up the matter with Gorbachev in the past but yesterday, after surveillance of his family was ended, hopes were growing that they could be reunited even before the prime minister's arrival. Gordievsky's wife, Leila, was allowed to give her first interview, and the former KGB man talked excitedly of the prospect of a return to a "free and democratic Russia".*

After Lenin's head

CHARLTON HAW, a retired Englishman of conservative views living in the quiet Surrey town of Farnham, has a closer interest in the toppling of the Soviet Union's communist heroes than most of us. Better known as Squadron Leader "Wag" Haw, he is one of only two living former British servicemen to hold the coveted Order of Lenin, one of the highest awards the communist regime could confer. (The spy George Blake also holds the award, but after 25 years as a Soviet citizen he scarcely qualifies as British.)

Together with Group Captain Anthony "Dusty" Miller and two colleagues now deceased, Haw received the award as an RAF pilot defending the Soviet Union's northernmost port, Murmansk, against the Germans in the summer of 1941. "Stalin awarded us the medal, and it was presented to us in April, 1942, at the Russian embassy in London by ambassador Ivan Maisky," says Haw. "I was singled out because I shot down three planes. I was paid £40 by the Russians for each one but the RAF said it was blood money, so we donated it to the RAF Benevolent Fund."

Haw was also awarded a Soviet pension of £365 a year, until it was cut off in the 1950s. Along with his DFC and DFM, he still has his gold medal embossed with a head of Lenin. He is unconcerned that the order seems certain to be abolished, possibly reverting to its pre-revolutionary title of the Order of St Andrew. "I'm not medal-minded," he says. "We did not fight for awards." But although he has not a good word for communism, he adds: "I can't help thinking that Lenin will be remembered longer than St Andrew."

Gold bars

BY far the choicest diplomatic site in Geneva, almost opposite the UN Palais des Nations, is the compound of the Soviet mission. The original mansion, the Villa Rose, is surrounded by flats, a school, offices and a concert hall — a veritable little Russia. The problem is that legally it all belongs to Latvia, which had its embassy there in League of Nations days.

Although Switzerland never recognised the annexation of the Baltic states, the Soviets moved in after the second world war. They are now indicating that they have no intention of giving it up — not least because the basement of the villa contains one of Geneva's most famous bars. There, favoured American negotiators were invited to do much of the background talking over disarmament.

Closing stages

THE builders have moved in to the Lyceum Theatre in Covent Garden, fanning hopes that there are plans for the lights to go on again at what was once one of London's finest theatres. For five years, the building has remained in darkness, and it has been woefully neglected for even longer. Is it too much to hope that one day the foot-lights will go up again on the boards trodden by Ellen Terry and Henry Irving?

Alas, theatre-goers will have to remain patient: current

work is merely maintenance against still worse disrepair. "We're making sure it is weather-proof and water-tight," says a spokesman for Brent Walker, which owns the lease.

Egalité

THE discreet officials who scurry around the world preparing for G7 meetings descended upon London yesterday. Nigel Wicks, our sherpa, is a perfect advertisement for John Major's classless society.

Although he went to Cambridge, he got there via Portsmouth College of Technology — hardly a well-known training ground for mandarins. He also spent ten years with BP before joining the Treasury in 1968. Within seven years he was private secretary to the prime minister, Harold Wilson, and by 1985 he was back as principal private secretary to Mrs Thatcher. More recently, as one of the second permanent secretaries at the Treasury, he may have hoped to succeed to the top job when Sir Peter Middleton retired, but he was pipped by Sir Terence Burns.

Yet as a G7 sherpa he remains a powerful figure. Although he and his colleagues have no executive powers, their importance should not be underestimated, as Jacques Attali, one of France's former sherpas and now head of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development illustrated at their Toronto gathering in 1988. At the end of the meeting, Attali suggested to his fellow sherpas the date of July 14, 1989, for the next summit, due to be held in Paris. None realised the significance, and President Mitterand was able to turn the summit into a sumptuous celebration of the 200th anniversary of the French revolution.

● *Lepidopterists don't just potter about with butterfly nets these days. Conservation workers at a reserve in Papua New Guinea have taken delivery of Japanese motorcycles to help them track the world's largest butterfly, the Queen Alexandra's birdwing. "They need the bikes to get about the butterfly reserve," says John Eccles, head of the Commonwealth Development Corporation, just back from delivering the machines. Eccles insists the birdwings are undeterred by the noise. But then with a wing-span of almost a foot, they are hardly delicate little creatures themselves.*

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THE PARTY'S OVER

The first defector was Karl Marx himself, if Engels is to be believed. "All I know is I am not a Marxist", Marx wrote to his friend before his death in 1883. Today, a new graffito on a bust of the great man in Moscow reads: "Workers of the world, forgive me." From Mongolia to Mozambique, his apostles are at least doing their best to forget him.

Or most of them. Do Muoi, Vietnam's new party general secretary, remains wedded to "the way of socialism, of Ho Chi Minh, the sole correct way". Fidel Castro still rallies crowds under the slogan "socialism or death", when he is not telling Spain's Felipe Gonzales that America, not the Soviet Union, is the country sliding into economic chaos. China boasts three million fresh recruits to its gigantic Communist party since Tiananmen. Peru's Shining Path guerrillas, doctrinaire Maoists, continue their murderous march. In Paris the West's most hardened Marxist warrior, Georges Marchais, hastened to welcome last week's coup, even if his tenure of office looks shakier than ever in consequence.

The band is dwindling fast. Yet its number was always smaller than appeared. Outside Europe, China and Latin America, few of the world's self-styled Marxist regimes were true apostles of Marxism-Leninism. Libya's Muammar Gadaffi, who this week welcomed leaders of most of the 70 banned communist organisations in the Arab League to a pan-Arab communist conference, practices a brand of socialist dictatorship which is anything but orthodox. Kim Il Sung's totalitarian repression owes much to Stalin's techniques, but his is an oriental despotism for which Marxism-Leninism is merely a means.

The affinities between Soviet communism and Third World Marxism have always been asserted rather than real. The link was an outgrowth of anti-imperialism, fostered by Moscow in the 1920s through Lenin's Anti-Imperialist League and the 1927 Comintern "congress of oppressed nationalities". In the 1950s, the Soviet Union initially held aloof from the wave of liberation politics. The Kremlin rapidly learned the value of Third World "solidarity" for the prosecution of the cold war. Yet even before perestroika, the KGB had concluded from Moscow's experiences in Africa that when a bunch of discontented army officers bid for power in the name of Marxism, that implied neither Marx nor the Soviet model, merely a plea for guns and hard currency.

Marxism is now disowned by its chief propagators, removing what protective cover these failing regimes could claim. Two things held the myth of socialist solidarity in place in pseudo-Marxist countries: Marxism's extreme centralism, and Soviet subvention. Many of the leaders of socialism's outposts have been proved correct in their fear that the systems they erected in Marxism's name cannot bend without breaking. Without Soviet subsidy there is no alternative to reform.

Moscow gave solid incentives to keep the faith. There was no nonsense about the withering away of the state. As government creaked under bureaucracy and corruption, fraternal aid from Moscow and Eastern Europe helped to camouflage economic failure in Vietnam, Ethiopia, Benin, Angola, Mozambique, Madagascar and a score more countries. Vietnam has not only lost that lifeline but is facing demands by Moscow for repayment of $18 billion in debt. Even before the coup Cuba was reeling from the collapse of its trade with Eastern Europe and tougher Soviet terms for aid. The abolition of the Soviet Communist party is disastrous for President Castro, since the special trade deals which just kept Cuba afloat were largely party-to-party.

Ten years ago at the annual IMF meeting in Washington, Ronald Reagan exhorted a sceptical Third World audience to master "the magic of the market place". Nobody could have predicted the speed of the conversion which followed, though most of these countries are only part way along the hard road to economic and political freedom. The withering away of Marxism is as destabilising as it is exhilarating. But the last doubts about the outcome have been swept away by the wind now roaring through the Russian steppes.

BONN'S EASTERN BURDEN

No country has a bigger stake in the new dispensation in the Soviet Union than Germany. Millions of Germans reacted to the coup against Mikhail Gorbachev as though bereaved. The ascendancy of Boris Yeltsin and the breakup of the Union has been greeted with less universal approbation, but once the erstwhile democratic opposition was clearly going to win, Chancellor Kohl's government wasted no time in inviting the Russian president to Germany. The urgency with which the foreign minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher moved to recognise the Baltic states showed the importance Bonn attaches to establishing a German presence.

The Germans are pressing for much more extensive financial help to the Soviet Union from their Western allies. They believe that the Soviet Union needs help, but they can no longer afford to provide it all themselves. German public finances are in something of a mess. Last Wednesday the retiring president of the Bundesbank, Karl Otto Pöhl, warned that the cost of unification would be the net transfer of at least 4-5 per cent of western Germany's gross domestic product for several years to come. Dr Kohl has promised new taxes, including a tax on income from interest. But he has yet to explain how Germany will manage to meet both this cost and its onerous external obligations. And these are growing: to the Soviet burden must be added the new demand by Israel for some £3.5 billion in lieu of reparations that the former East German state never paid.

Geography dictates that the repercussions of events inside the Soviet Union are first felt in central Europe. History explains the intensity of German involvement there. Until 1917 ethnic Germans made up a significant proportion of the Russian middle and upper classes. Even the royal family was of largely German descent. Such a privileged position in the Russian empire would not have survived the war of 1914 intact, but was thrown away entirely by the folly of the German high command, who enabled Lenin to mount his coup.

This legacy lasted long after 1945. Bolstered by the Western powers as a bulwark against Stalin's encroachment, the Federal Republic under Adenauer was far more suspicious of Moscow than were Kennedy or Macmillan. When Willy Brandt launched his own ostpolitik in the late 1960s, it was on the assumption that the division of Europe, and of Germany itself, would be permanent. By imperceptible degrees, this opening to the east developed under the Schmidt and Kohl governments into a special relationship.

Then came 1989. Mikhail Gorbachev, who renounced Soviet claims on the moribund German Democratic Republic, became the most popular man in Germany. The German right, which had always kept its distance from the prevalent enthusiasm for Mr Gorbachev, suddenly threw its weight behind him. Bonn's promises of aid, extending to some £10 billion, now begin to look more dubious in the light of revelations about control of Communist party finances.

Germany demands that the other members of G7 match its own aid to the Soviet Union. Their response is sceptical. They point out that some of that "aid" has been in payment for withdrawal of Soviet troops from German soil. And they believe that Germany has been less than rigorous in seeing that aid is not wasted. Some of these states, in addition, are in recession and others — the Americans and Italians — are struggling with large budgetary deficits.

Germany is not the only country worrying about the "bill for freedom". If it wants a special relationship of its own with the Soviet Union, it will have to foot the bill — and tax its citizens accordingly. If, more sensibly, it wants to share the burden with its Western partners, Germany cannot expect to dictate their policy towards the Soviet Union.

SLOGANS FOR ALL SEASONS

St Paul described himself as all things to all men, proving the schoolboy's point that Shakespeare and the Bible are "full of quotations" and revealing his gift for the well-turned cliché. With a talent for phrases like "fight the good fight" a modern St Paul, instead of thrashing across the Mediterranean getting shipwrecked, could have made a bigger splash writing slogans for politicians.

Certainly a touch of genius is conspicuously lacking from the latest contribution to the genre from the Liberal Democrats, the party's new warcry "Changing Britain For Good". It must surely have been composed by the sports commentator at the Tokyo championships yesterday, who informed viewers that the reason a pole-vaulter had failed to clear the bar was because "he didn't aim high enough".

Like "The Time Has Come" and "Partnership For Progress", the limp banners under which the SDP-Liberal Alliance marched towards the sound of gunfire in 1987, these inanities have a memory shelf-life of a fraction of a second. As with "Yesterday's Men" (1970 Labour poster) and "Life's Better With The Conservatives" (1959 Tory poster), such vacuity tempts small boys on the edge of the crowd to ask: time for what progress, which partnership? And did they too not aim high enough?

But criticism of political slogans for their lack of meaning misses the point. They are born to reassure fleetingly, not to be memorised for ever. The few immortals — the Tories' "Labour Isn't Working" of 1979, or Baldwin's "Safety First" of 50 years earlier — are exceptions. The run of the mill are designed to slip smoothly down the public gullet without touching the sides, hence no after-taste, no hostages to fortune. Indeed, "Labour Isn't Working" may yet come back to torment the Tories at the next election.

These are the sublime heights of the "Persil Washes Whiter" school of political sloganeering, a mixture of obviousness and emptiness. Try to say something definite, and trouble starts. Barbara Castle was saddled forever with her "In Place Of Strife" title for a package of union reforms in 1969, and given the internal holy war she caused, her only possible prize was for irony.

A slogan which starts a snigger or smirk because it is a perfect example of self-parody must be rejected — out there are legions of cartoonists hungry to lampoon the proceedings. "You Know Labour Government Works" (1966 election slogan) was blandness stretched to the point of recklessness in view of what followed, whereas "Changing Britain For Good" means everything and nothing. The Lib-Dems could surely have saved themselves the trouble. "This Is A Slogan" would have done just as well.

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Lessons of Soviet power vacuum

From Mr John Montgomery

Sir, The economic relationship between the republics of the Soviet Union may make political union seem rational and some republics may, indeed, move towards that in the future; but for the time being independence for those already existing republics who want it, is the ball Western policy will have to roll with. Rushing to give economic aid before the political question of the Union's dissolution is settled is simply putting the cart before the horse.

Pretending that a central all-union authority can somehow be revived (with or without Mr Gorbachev) as a means of disguising what is in effect a wait-and-see attitude by the West may help, furthermore, to lengthen the independence process beyond the point where negotiations on sensitive border issues might still have some flexibility.

Western preference on some type of all-union central authority may also encourage the Russians to view their state, not just as the [illegible]st and most powerful of the [illegible] republics, but as the rightful heir to those lands once ruled by the Romanovs.

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From Professor Alan Thompson

Sir, President Bush and Mr John Major are demonstrating in both words and deeds the vital importance of the "special relationship" ("A week when Major may count", August 27).

Their approach to the possible break-up of the USSR (compared with the opportunism of some other countries) is pragmatic and measured. While applauding the collapse of totalitarian communism, they recognise that world peace is not helped by exploiting the difficulties of a major world power.

America's own experience of balancing federal authority with state rights and Britain's unique experience of empire and commonwealth are both badly needed in any future settlement. It is all the more valuable when we both act in concert.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN THOMPSON,
11 Upper Gray Street,
Edinburgh 9.
August 27.

From Mr Ian Menzies

Sir, John Roberts of the Great Britain-USSR Association (Diary, August 28) is not the first to try to educate the Russians in capitalism. The Soviet highway technology monthly, *Avtomobil'niye Dorogi*, began to serialise in its June 1991 issue a brief glossary of terms relating to market economics. Some of these are borrowed from English (*broker, dealer, dividend*) and others are taken from German, such as *aktsiya* (*Aktie*, or share).

In view of the social democratic antecedents of the original communist party, it will be interesting to see, when the glossary reaches the letter S, whether it includes *sotsyal'niy rynok* (the social market).

Yours faithfully,
IAN MENZIES,
Publisher,
Civil Engineering & Transport Publications,
PO Box 31,
Bognor Regis, West Sussex.
August 29.

From Dr Andrew Bamji

Sir, It seems that the Red Army will break up into fragments each belonging to the constituent, or independent, republics that presently form the Soviet Union. In this event, the National Health Service will be the largest single employer in Europe.

I cannot decide whether to be proud or ashamed of this.

Yours, in health,
ANDREW BAMJI,
Frognal Centre for Medical Studies,
Queen Mary's Hospital,
Sidcup, Kent.
August 27.

Curbs on building in the countryside

From Mr Andrew Best

Sir, You suggest in your leader ("Forever lost", August 27) that designation of areas of outstanding natural beauty (AONB) and national parks may protect the most outstanding countryside but that the rest of rural England is threatened.

The position is far worse than you suggest. AONB supposedly protected areas have small populations and are therefore politically acceptable sites for the "difficult" development. A recent example in East Sussex has been the county council's application to develop a rubbish dump on 220 acres of woodland between Tunbridge Wells and Crowborough although the area was given protection only in 1983.

It is interesting to compare nationally the relative success of the national parks, which have generally even smaller populations, against the AONB designations as they both have the same status at law. The essential difference is one of access. With most AONBs the original purpose of the designation was stated to be for protection, not access. The result, unsurprisingly, but not apparently foreseen by the legislators, is less public interest and so less political clout for conservation.

Wider public access within the AONBs, which would create public awareness and interest in exchange for subsidies for the landowners, will in the long term be the only way to protect these special landscapes which, as you rightly state, "can only be unmade".

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW BEST,
Bond's Cottage, Broadwater Forest,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
August 27.

From Mr M. J. Kay

Sir, You have unwittingly articulated the complacency which threatens a world heritage area by saying that "what remains of . . . Georgian Bath can be considered safe for all time, provided local authorities are vigilant."

The essence of Bath extends to the environment in which its buildings exist. And demonstrably, as any Bathonian will immediately understand, local government is unequal to the task of preserving it. The motor car is just one of several, worrying intrusions whose advance is quite unchecked.

If "Georgian Bath" is to be safe for all time, we should never forget that rare recognition from Unesco has been earned by a unique combination of Roman remains, notably but not exclusively Georgian architecture, an outstandingly beautiful valley setting and a precious collection of city and village communities within one relatively small area.

So-called local authority vigilance, without some greater power and political courage to take innovative and far-reaching decisions, is unlikely to prevent this jewel from slipping irretrievably from our grasp.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN KAY,
8 Elm Grove, Swainswick,
Bath, Avon.
August 27.

From the Chief Executive of the Rural Development Commission

Sir, Your sweeping call for curbs on further development in the countryside is weakened by your analogy with the preservation of the remains of Regency London and Georgian Bath. These represent some of the cream of listed buildings which are themselves a minority of all buildings. Equivalent areas of outstanding landscape mostly already enjoy comparable protection.

The countryside generally cannot be immunised against change. It is where some 20 per cent of people live and it has to earn its keep in one way or another. Some development is therefore necessary.

Your equation of development in the countryside solely with golf courses, theme parks and leisure centres is misleading. The case for more of these facilities in some areas may well be arguable, but what many small towns and villages undoubtedly need is a few more affordable houses, small workshops and community facilities. Meeting these requirements is not going to cause Truro to coalesce with St Austell or Swaffham with Thetford or Penrith with Carlisle.

Unlike you, this organisation finds nothing absurd about seeking a balance between the needs of the people living and working in the countryside and its conservation.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BUTT,
Chief Executive,
Rural Development Commission,
11 Cowley Street, SW1.
August 27.

Research on handicaps

From Lord Walton of Detchant

Sir, Ann Kent ("Planning pregnancy? Start worrying now", August 22) justifiably highlighted some current medical controversies about the causes of brain damage and other varieties of handicap in infancy and childhood. Far too little research has yet been done for us to be able to identify specific causes for most such abnormalities or to be able to introduce appropriate preventative measures.

The Little Foundation is beginning to bring together groups of eminent international authorities in medicine and science who will be invited to develop the research strategy needed to explore comprehensively and to coordinate work in relevant medical disciplines, taking into account such influences as genetic factors, the results of asphyxia, and nutritional and endocrinological abnormalities.

The foundation seeks to identify prenatal causes for many allied disorders causing brain damage and then to consider how best to prevent them. These conditions include cerebral palsy, mental handicap, epilepsy, autism, dyslexia, blindness and deafness.

While much research has been done in many parts of the world, we believe that the time is ripe to launch a major international collaborative research programme in this difficult field. Provided appropriate resources can be made available, this will be the principal aim of the foundation and of a new research group shortly to be established under the auspices of the World Federation of Neurology.

Yours etc.,
WALTON of DETCHANT,
(President, Little Foundation),
13 Norham Gardens, Oxford.
August 27.

National lottery

From the Secretary of the Foundation for Sport and the Arts

Sir, One can express mild surprise that Lord Birkett (August 27) has the confidence to suggest what this newly-created foundation may, or may not, be able to do. By official, if estimated, accounts the UK gambling market may have a turnover in the region of £13 billion per annum. That is quite a lot of money, and if the operators are persuaded of the dangers to them in the establishment of a national lottery, they might be equally persuaded of the advantage of a gentle diversion of a small percentage to the foundation.

The foundation would have all the powers in that event to do anything that a state lottery might do, if it succeeded. I think it would be a premature judgment on his lordship's part to denigrate at this stage the capacity of the foundation to establish the requisite organisational muscle. The pool promoters are experienced in handling problems of scale.

The advantage is that the highly-developed, varied and sophisticated UK gambling market would not need to be destroyed in order to achieve the aim. The honest argument for a state lottery is the one that advocates sweeping away the current UK gambling scene and substituting the kind of arrangement general on the Continent, with a dominant lottery, perhaps having alongside it at most one other single style of gambling operation, be that gaming machines or a *pari-mutuel* betting organisation, or the like.

Yours etc.,
GRATTAN ENDICOTT,
Secretary,
The Foundation for Sport and the Arts,
PO Box 666, Liverpool 69.
August 28.

TV market place

From the Chief Executive of Channel Four Television

Sir, It was surprising to see *The Times* slip into an elitist attitude to television. Your leader ("Best of a bad job", August 28) loftily asserted that all imported American television is by definition down-market. Our experience tells us otherwise.

Channel Four's policy (since it was founded, incidentally) has been to offer its viewers the best of American drama and comedy. *Hill Street Blues, Cheers* and *The Cosby Show* are examples we are proud to have transmitted over the last nine years, in a mix of the best of the world's TV.

There are many benefits. First, and most important, they delight audiences of all descriptions. Programmes like *Roseanne* and *Golden Girls* are distinctive and funnier than most offered lately in Britain. Secondly, to deprive the audiences of these programmes would require a drastic reduction in Channel Four's high-cost commissioned programmes, like *Film on Four, GBH* and many in the factual area.

Finally, much of our news, arts and documentaries, has attracted new and bigger audiences on the back of these marvellous programmes.

Yours,
MICHAEL GRADE,
Chief Executive,
Channel Four Television,
60 Charlotte Street, W1.
August 29.

A common tongue

From Mr Kevin Probert-Ehaver

Sir, Let me set Philip Howard's mind at rest ("Guilty about 'he' . . .", August 23). There is at least one group of European languages which invented a common-gender third-person pronoun thousands of years ago. In Estonian we have: he is free (*tema on vaba*), she is free (*tema on vaba*), it is free (*tema on vaba*).

At last we have an answer to the feminist theologian's question, is God he or she? God surely avoids such debates by speaking Estonian.

Other Finno-Ugric languages such as Finnish and Hungarian are similarly non-sexist. In the battle against sexism, I call on the English to also adopt a Finno-Ugric language.

Yours sincerely,
KEVIN PROBERT-EHAVER
(Business Editor),
The Baltic Independent,
PO Box 100, 200090 Tallinn,
Republic of Estonia.
August 27.

The Bible in Mongolia

From Professor Emeritus C. R. Bawden, FBA

Sir, You report (Diary, August 24) that the Bible is no longer banned in Mongolia. It is worth recalling that the Bible was first translated into Mongolian by missionaries belonging to the small mission which the London Missionary Society maintained among the Buryat Mongols of Transbaikalia from 1818 to 1841.

The Reverend Edward Stallybrass and the Reverend William Swan learned Russian, spoken Buryat and written Mongolian, as well as some Manchu and Tibetan in order to carry out this task. Their version of the Old Testament was printed on their own press in Transbaikalia between 1834 and 1840 by a professional printer, one James Abercrombie who, in spite of his name, was no Scot but a "native of the Caucasus".

After the expulsion of the mission from Russia in early 1841 the two men returned to Britain and prepared their translation of the New Testament, which was published in London in 1846. Both works are now rarities.

The Old Testament seems not to have been reprinted, but the New Testament was reprinted several times, in St Petersburg and in Shanghai for example, though it has been overtaken in recent years by other translations.

Yours faithfully,
C. R. BAWDEN,
19 Richings Way,
Iver, Buckinghamshire.
August 24.

In a round shade

From Mr Frank Richards

Sir, Your interesting article about umbrellas and parasols (Weekend Living, August 24) did not mention that they are generally round.

An upright human is adequately protected from rain or sun by a circular shape. However, when one is prone and sheltering from the sun under a beach umbrella the round shape is most inconvenient, as the human form does not naturally lie in a circle.

The oblong shape is catered for by beach mats and beach towels. Is it not time we had a beach umbrella which would cast an oblong or square shadow?

Yours faithfully,
FRANK RICHARDS,
32 The Fairway, Flackwell Heath,
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Genetics and ethics

From Professor Emeritus Ivor H. Mills

Sir, Your correspondents (August 28) do not mention one of the most worrying aspects of Baroness Warnock's comments (report, August 23) about the human genome project. She referred to the use that might be made of the ability to identify individual human genes. Once we know the precise gene related to obesity, hypertension, alcoholism, etc., insurance companies and large employers may want to use the information to weight policies or deny employment to those with such genes.

Unfortunately some human conditions, such as hypertension and alcoholism, are the result of very valuable human abilities. One has only to look at the famous actors and actresses who have become alcoholic to realise how great would be the loss if they had been turned away at the outset because of genetic identification. For people to give of their best can be personally very demanding.

The same applies to hypertension, where it has been shown that quite limited mental activity increases blood pressure, albeit temporarily. The more reliably chimpanzees in the American space capsule of 1951 were trained to respond correctly to commands, the higher their blood pressure rose.

Those who drive themselves hardest and appear the most capable run the risk of maintaining their blood pressure permanently high. To exclude them from employment would deny society some of the most able people.

The most difficult thing to teach such alcoholics, workaholics, hypertensives, etc., is not to drive themselves to the limit. I doubt if a human gene can be identified to control that.

Yours faithfully,
IVOR H. MILLS,
University of Cambridge
Clinical School,
Department of Surgery,
Douglas House,
Addenbrooke's Hospital,
Trumpington Road, Cambridge.

From Professor M. Hammerton

Sir, The correspondence which you have printed on this topic affords mournful confirmation that the word "ethics" has acquired an additional meaning of late years: "An excuse to stop research".

I am yours faithfully,
M. HAMMERTON,
University of Newcastle upon Tyne,
Department of Psychology,
Ridley Building, The University,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

A parish clerk's lot

From Mr John Gaze

Sir, Having read this morning the letter from our director of music (August 28) referring to myself and my brother parish clerks in the City of London as a "whimsical anachronism", it leaves me no alternative but to go on strike as from this coming Sunday, September 1; but I warn the director of music, there is a baptism, and the font needs cleaning, also the baptismal records need filling out which he is not entitled to do.

Also, as my rector usually turns up about ten minutes before the service, which is a Communion, he will have to lay up the vestments and vessels, find the lessons and appropriate prayers for that service, plus declaim down the aisle the general confession in a loud voice, most of which I suggest he should read, mark, learn and inwardly digest.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
JOHN GAZE (Parish clerk),
The Parish Church of St Michael, Cornhill,
St Michael's Alley, Cornhill, EC3.
August 28.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 29: The Prince Edward, Patron, this evening attended a dinner to launch the Cambridge Youth Theatre's Appeal in the Holiday Inn, Cambridge.

His Royal Highness was received by Mr Alan Burrell, Chairman of the Appeal.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

Council for Licensed Conveyancers

The following candidates have passed the Council for Licensed Conveyancers' summer examinations 1991:

Preliminary Examination: T L Dawe; J E Grainger; L M Gray; E Gray; C S Hipgitt; A Kalsaya; R van der Ploeg; R J Whitworth.

Intermediate Examination: S Atherton; C M McConnell; P E O'Keefe; V Reeves; A Reynolds; B J Roocroft; J M Scotland; L A Shields; C Stanford; H B Timms.

Final Examination: Landlord & Tenant: N C Billyard; L Bland; M E Brophy; K Bullerd; D K Carter; C J Cugley; A Dethick; W J Dunn; J P Dowdeswell; J M Dunphy; L Farr; C Garth; N M Halliwell; R K Leyland; D Lockett; G S Mandry; J A Middleton; M Morrison*; A R Nicholls; P L Noakes; J M Pettman; D Tadfurelli; S P Tappin; J A Thurley; L M Walker; D J Wall; K M Wood; D Worrall.

Conveyancing Law & Practice I & II: G H Abrahams; E J Bateson; I Bland; M E Brophy; V I Burnett; D K Carter; J M Cadmore*†; C J Cugley; W S Davies; A Dethick; S Draper; L Farr; C Garth; A H Kershaw; A Khalig; C J Lee; R K Leyland; J A Middleton; P L Noakes; J Polaski; C J Postans; M E Rodger; D G Sparrow; D Tadfurelli; J A Thurley; N R B Tilder; D J Wall; P J Wilkinson; K M Wood.

Assessors: G H Abrahams*; J Banks; N C Billyard; I. Bland; S L Booth*; K Bullerd; D K Carter; C J Cugley; W S Davies*; A Dethick; L Farr*; J M Gleeson; M C Hullah*; A R Iskin*; R Magnanti*; M Morrison*; J A Middleton; M E Metcalfe*; J A Nicholson; P L Noakes*; C J Postans; C A Plummell*; W Roche*; F P Robinson; M E Rodger*; L A Shields; S P Tappin; K A Turner; L T Whitson; P J Wilkinson; K M Wood.

* Denotes distinction
† Awarded the Myerson Prize for Conveyancing

Birthdays today

Dr Barbara Ansell, rheumatologist, 68; Sir Harold Atcherley, former chairman, Toynbee Hall, 73; Lord Brain, 65; Sir Patrick Branigan, QC, former Attorney-General, Gold Coast, 85; Sir Keith Bright, former chairman, London Regional Transport, 60; Sir Charles Burman, former chairman, Tarmac, 83; Mr Allan Davis, theatre director, 78; Mr Kenneth Gill, trades unionist, 64; Dr A.B. Gilmour, former director, NSPCC, 63; Mr M.R. Harris, company director, 69; Mr Denis Healey, CH, MP, 74; Air Marshal Sir Frank Holroyd, 56; Rear-Admiral John Howson, 83; Lord Keith of Castleacre, 75; Sir Desmond Lee, former president, Hughes Hall, Cambridge, 83; Dr Jeremy Lee-Potter, chairman, British Medical Association, 57; the Countess of Longford, 85; Miss Sue MacGregor, broadcaster, 50; Dr Peter North, principal, Jesus College, Oxford, 55; Sir Peter Parker, former chairman, British Railways Board, 67; Mr John Peel, broadcaster, 52; Sir Henry Phillips, former colonial administrator, 77; Sir Richard Stone, economist, 78; Miss Pamela Stringer, former headmistress, Clifton High School for Girls, 63; Professor J.M. Thoday, geneticist, 75; the Very Rev Professor T.F. Torrance, theologian, 78; Sir Philip Woodfield, civil servant, 68.

Church news

Appointments

The Rt Rev Ronald Bowlby, formerly Bishop of Southwark, is to be Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Lichfield.

The Rev John P Adams, Missionary with the European Christian Mission: to be Assistant Chaplain, St Andrew, Zurich, Switzerland (Europe).

The Rev Walter Balmer, non-stipendiary Minister, St Stephen, Gateacre: to be non-stipendiary Minister, St Mary Hale (Liverpool).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.J.H. Alves and Miss C.L.C. Wilkinson
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Alves, of Welwyn, Hertfordshire, and Claire, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Wilkinson, of Chedworth, Gloucestershire.

Mr N.M. Batchelor and Miss V.M. Egan
The engagement is announced between Nigel, second son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Batchelor, of Cobham, Surrey, and Virginia, younger daughter of Mrs Gweneth Egan and the late Mr Thomas Egan, of Toronto, Canada.

Mr M.A. Belsham and Miss A.C.E. Higgins
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs P.D. Belsham, of Ashford, Kent, and Alison, daughter of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs R.G. Higgins, of Aldershot, Hampshire.

Lieutenant T.A.B. Crispin, RN and Miss G.H. Adams
The engagement is announced between Toby, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Julian Crispin, of Blackheath, and Georgina, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Adams, of Compton Dundon, Somerset.

Dr J.M.C. Crompton and Dr S.L. Crouse
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Crompton, of Westerham, Kent, and Susan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Crouse, of Port Williams, Nova Scotia.

Mr J.P.G. Grumitt and Miss E.A. Driver
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Grumitt, of Banstead, Surrey, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Driver, of Old Earswick, York.

Mr J.M. Gumpel and Miss C.D. Somerville
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Maximillian, only son of Dr Michael Gumpel, of Ingleby Drive, Harrow-on-the-Hill, and of Dr Shirley Gumpel, of Belsize Road, Hampstead, and Claire Doria, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W.M. Somerville, of Kirkwhelpington, Northumberland.

Captain J.J.F. Humpreys, 3RRF and Miss A.R. Metcalf
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs J.L. Humpreys, of Bickley, Kent, and Alison, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R. Metcalf, of Tonbridge, Kent.

Mr A. Krais and Miss E. Lindsay
The engagement is announced between Ashley, elder son of Mr and Mrs Maurice Krais, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Lindsay.

Mr E.P. Moloney and Miss L.J. Cowie
The engagement is announced between Eamon Philip, younger son of Dr Eamon Moloney, of Bath, and the late Mrs Moloney, and Isabel Janet, elder daughter of the Hon Lord and Lady Cowie, of Edinburgh.

Mr G.V. White and Miss F.C. MacKinnon
The engagement is announced between Greg, son of Mr D.V. White, of Atlanta, Georgia, and Mrs D. Dinkins, of Winterhaven, USA, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. MacKinnon, of Guildford, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr A. Little and Miss P. Gee
The marriage took place yesterday, Thursday, August 29, at St Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill, of Mr Andrew Little, son of Mrs Elsa Little, to Miss Penelope Gee, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Gee, of Hatch End.

A reception was held at Nettleden House, Hertfordshire.

Mr S. Merriman and Miss E.G. Arroyo
The marriage took place on August 10, at Holy Cross Church, Leicester, between Mr Shaun Merriman and Miss Estella Arroyo.

Mr T.W. Raggatt and Mrs C.A. Allison
The marriage took place on August 28, 1991, in Birmingham, between Mr Timothy Raggatt, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs W.G. Raggatt, and Mrs Carol Allison, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.A.C. Overton.

School news

Bedford School
The Christmas Term begins today with 1123 boys in the School. Christopher J. Cottam is Head of School and Benedict Wyer-Roberts Captain of Rugby. Speech Day will be on October 12, when Professor Sir Richard Norman, Warden of Exeter College, Oxford, will be the Guest of Honour. On October 29, the School will celebrate the Centenary of the move to its present site. *October's Children* a joint production with Bedford High School will be performed in the Theatre on November 20, 21 and 22, and a production of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* in the Great Hall on December 5, 6 and 7. After the Centenary Rugby March on Saturday, December 14, a dinner will be held at Bedford School, when the Guest of Honour will be Mr James Crowden, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire.

Queenswood School
The Autumn Term at Queenswood School begins on Sunday, September 1, with Lucy Morgan as Head Girl and Tamsin Ashworth as Deputy Head Girl. Commemoration Day is on Friday, October 18, and the new educational building will be opened by Joanna Foster, Chair, Equal Opportunities Commission. The Carol Service is at 3.30pm on Sunday, December 15, in St Albans Abbey. There will be Old Queenswoodian hockey matches at 10.30am that morning.

St Maur's School, Weybridge
On Tuesday, September 3, 1991, registration will take place for students of the joint St Maur's School and St George's College Sixth Form which will celebrate its 25th Anniversary during this academic year. St Maur's Senior School and St Maur's Preparatory School will return on Thursday, September 5, 1991. Sister Helen Wynne, Headteacher of St Maur's School 1981-1991, has been appointed to a Schoolteacher Fellow Commonership at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. Mrs Maureen Dodds will take up her post as the first Lay Headteacher of St Maur's since its foundation in 1898 by the Sisters of the Infant Jesus. Sister Beatrice Ahern is Headteacher of St Maur's Preparatory School. Ingrid Meldal-Johnsen is Sixth Form Head Girl, Alexandra Dixon is Deputy Head Girl; Clare Hopkins is Senior School Head Girl and Clare Watson is Deputy Head Girl. Open Days for prospective parents will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12, 1991. The Autumn Term Drama production, Anouilh's *Antigone*, will be on Wednesday and Thursday, October 16 and 17, 1991. The School Choir Tour to France will be from October 25 to 29. Speech Day is Friday, November 22, 1991, and a Celebration of Christmas will be on Thursday, December 12, 1991, in the School Chapel.

OBITUARIES

SIR EDWARD BROWN

Sir Edward Brown, MBE, politician and trades unionist, who was Conservative MP for Bath from 1964 to 1979, died on August 27 aged 78. He was born on April 15, 1913.

SIR Edward Brown was the first trades unionist to be chairman of the Conservative Party conference and as the son of a London taxi driver, forced to leave elementary school at the age of 14, he was the improbable choice of his party in 1964 to fight the then impregnable true-blue seat at Bath, which he proceeded to win and represent faithfully for the next 15 years. He never made a major impression in the House but his contribution to his party was considerable, for he was one of the pioneers of post-war Tory trades unionism, dedicating himself to fighting left-wing extremism in the branches and helping to persuade party leaders that trades unionists should not be regarded as automatic Labour voters. Although he stood down as an MP in 1979 and never sat in the House when Mrs Thatcher was prime minister, the strength of the Tory vote among trades unionists which helped her to three successive victories owed much to the faith of men like him.

Brown went to Greencoat elementary school in Camberwell and later supplemented his education by attending classes at Morley College. His first work was with the Post Office, cycling round the streets of south London delivering telegrams, and his spare-time activity was as a bell-ringer at St Giles, Camberwell, which began his lifelong interest in campanology. His only political activity was helping to sabotage the car of Lord Beaverbrook as he was being driven to a Tory election meeting. Brown threw nails under the car, all four tyres were punctured, the newspaper publisher finished his journey on foot and Labour workers gave Brown 1s 3d for his night's work. In those days Brown displayed no political enthusiasm and little promise. He served in the RAF from 1942 to 1946 but failed to rise beyond the rank of leading aircraftman.

His attitude and prospects changed swiftly, however, on demobilisation. He returned to London to work repairing industrial instruments at Enfield Mills but his repugnance at the Attlee government found him devoting most of his free time to trades union work and local government. He soon became a rising figure. He was appointed chairman of his local branch of the Association of Supervisory Staffs, Executives and Technicians and he was a highly effective official, with even Ian Mikardo, a fellow ASSET member and then an MP with no affection for Tory trades unionists, saying that whatever Brown's politics he had a good union record.

After several unsuccessful attempts in Labour-held wards Brown was eventually elected to Tottenham Borough Council in 1956. As one of the founder members of the post-war Conservative trades union movement he was appointed MBE in 1958 for his political services and in 1959 he became chairman of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, going on to chair the 1960 party conference at Scarborough while he was still a £16 a week laboratory technician in the Enfield rolling mill. He received a knighthood in the following year.

He was anxious to enter parliament but Tory constituency parties were wary of selecting working class candidates. After a number of rejections he was chosen to fight Stalybridge and Hyde, where he put up a sufficiently robust fight for him to be considered for a winnable seat. There were further rebuffs, however, before he won the nomination at Bath to succeed the retiring MP, Sir James Pitman, which was much to the delight of Central Office, anxious to find another trades unionist to accompany Ray Mawby, the electrician who had won Totnes in 1959.

In the House he was popular though not prominent. He once suggested a safety campaign urging husbands to kiss their wives after breakfast because happy, relaxed workers caused fewer accidents. Remembering his young days in Camberwell he sponsored a Bill requiring local councils to submit schemes to provide a comprehensive range of youth activities. A few months after his election he was attacked for living in a 57s 9d council flat while he was an MP. Newspapers called him "The £60-a-week knight" — a reference to his parliamentary salary. The attack was hardly justified as he had already told his council housing manager he would be leaving but Brown had found difficulty finding alternative accommodation. He was also hurt by another newspaper article. This appeared on June 6, 1976 and this time he was called "The Silent Knight". It claimed he had made only three Commons speeches in five years. Twelve days later Brown announced that his doctor had advised him to cut down on his work and he would therefore not be fighting the next election.

Brown was married in 1940 to Rosa Feldman and she survives him, with a son and daughter.

JOHN FAY

John David Fay, CMG, former head of the economics and statistics department at the OECD in Paris, died on August 27 aged 72. He was born on July 5, 1919.

JOHN Fay was a top-class international civil servant. In the course of a 35-year career with the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and its predecessor, the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC), he contributed hugely to the reputation of both organisations among economic institutions. Combining outstanding intellectual and analytical ability with a gift for precise and often pithy literary and oral expression, he was also a very effective administrator.

It was a measure of his achievement that, although an historian by training, he always had the ungrudging professional respect of the many economists who worked for him as well as that of ministers and senior officials from OECD's 24 member countries involved in the committees his department served. Totally devoid of conceit, he was always direct and to the point. A natural communicator, he was an excellent speaker, appreciated not least by the journalists from many nations who attended his regular OECD press conferences. After his retirement he wrote for four years on economic questions for the *International Herald Tribune*.

Born in London, John Fay was educated at Stowe School and King's College, Cambridge, where he took a double first in history in 1941. He joined the Board of Trade in the same year, serving as assistant private secretary to the president from 1944 to 1946, when he was seconded to the embassy in Washington for two years. In 1949 he went to the newly-formed OEEC, set up in Paris to administer American Marshall Plan aid for the restoration of western Europe's war-shattered economies.

In 1952 Fay was appointed head of the organisation's country studies division, becoming director of the economics branch six years later. Around the time the OEEC was reorganised into the OECD with the entry of non-European member countries he became deputy head of the economics and statistics department of which he was a mainstay for so long. In 1975, he was appointed head of the department.

He was perfectly happy with the necessity to play a discreet behind-the-scenes role and saw himself above all as an adviser to ministers. In international debate he always sought to move things forward and was adept at making constructive interventions or speedily redrafting texts to remove obstacles to agreement. He could be witty, too. On one occasion, as colleagues in a meeting agonised over outside perceptions of the organisation, he remarked drily: "Let's not worry too much about image: after all, look what it did for Narcissus."

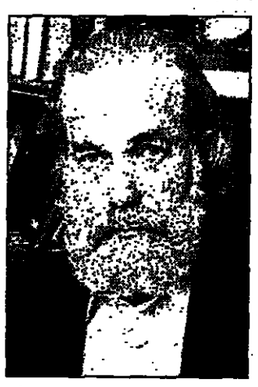
In 1980, he stepped down as head of economics to take up a new position as director for publications policy, thereby giving practical application to his avowed hobby of "helping economists to write English". He imparted a timely impetus to efforts in the organisation to make increasingly specialised published output more accessible to a growing outside readership.

After his retirement in 1984, John Fay was appointed CMG. He remained mostly in France, happy to devote more time to his garden and to his friends, while still writing for the *International Herald Tribune*.

John Fay is survived by his wife, whom he married in 1949, one son and two daughters.

ISTVÁN SIKLÓS

István Siklós, Hungarian revolutionary exile, poet, former head of the BBC Hungarian Service, and lately Hungarian diplomat, died in a London hospital on August 27 aged 55. He was born on May 31, 1936.



ISTVÁN Siklós was born into a devout Protestant family in Budapest. Having finished his secondary education he was barred from entering university, in spite of his intense early interest in Indian culture and Zen-Buddhism: these were not the subjects of proper study in the eyes of the Stalinist regime. In 1956 Siklós was easily drawn into the uprising, and he fought on the side of the revolutionaries with all the idealism and innocent fervour of a 20-year-old.

In the turmoil of the revolution, his youngest brother, one of the Molotov-cocktail throwing boys, disappeared. István traced him to Ireland, but when they realised on their way back that merciless revenge was the order of the day in Hungary, they stayed on in London. With the help of a scholarship set up for refugee students by the Lord Mayor of London, István Siklós turned once again to the culture of the Indian subcontinent in the congenial atmosphere of the School of African and Oriental Studies of London University. The esoteric books of Eastern philosophy did not bring him inner tranquillity; he was unable to contain his strong emotional attachment to his native country and the shame of deserting it found a sudden outlet in poetry.

Although he studied T. S. Eliot and Ezra Pound his poetry echoed the Hungarian protestant preachers of the 16th century, but with the outlandish influence of Buddhist notions and avant garde devices. The resulting poetry was truly original and the impact of his apocalyptic vision of the revolution unique. His poetic language, sonorous and rich in texture, sharply contrasts with the horror he expressed. His published poetry includes *Entering the Woods of Silence* (London, 1981). Produced on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the revolution, it is the only major tribute to the sufferings of the victims, both the living and the dead. This piece was discovered by the opposition and often quoted in samizdat literature and chosen to be used at the time of the reburial of the executed patriots in the summer of 1989.

In spite of his deep attachment to his native country, Siklós was never involved in émigré politics. With like-minded friends he founded in 1964 the Szepsi Csombor Literary Circle, an independent cultural forum for visiting Hungarian writers and scholars who could there meet their fellow-writers living in the West. In the same way his home was always open to the unexpected visitor from Hungary or Transylvania; hosts of Hungarian intellectuals enjoyed his hospitality.

Siklós joined the BBC external services in the early 1960s and in 1980 became head of the Hungarian service. The 1980s saw the growing role of the BBC in the momentous changes in Eastern Europe. Well-known dissidents often voiced their opinions through the BBC and in the late 1980s even leaders of the reform movement within the party found the publicity given to them by the BBC invaluable: they were able to say what the media in Hungary would not tolerate. Siklós had extremely good connections in Hungary which he used inventively, and provided a platform for all shades of opinion in a balanced mixture, with the result that the BBC had the same reputation in Hungary as during the second world war.

In 1989 he left his post and devoted his energies to active participation in politics from the inception of the Hungarian Democratic Forum to the formation of the first freely elected government of the country. In the summer of 1990 the new Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Jeszenszky invited him to join the diplomatic service. After 34 years in exile he was appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary by the president of the Republic and stationed in London on January 1, 1991. His new career ended abruptly: within a few months he was an ailing man and went into hospital in July.

His younger brother, Csaba is Minister of Transport and Telecommunications in the new Hungarian government. István Siklós is survived by his wife, Marietta, and their three children: Bulcsú, Csanád and Melinda.

ERIC HIMSWORTH

Eric Himsworth, CMG, formerly financial consultant to the United Nations and International Monetary Fund, died on August 7 aged 85. He was born on November 23, 1905.

WHEN David MacDougall, formerly chief secretary in Hong Kong, made his spectacular escape from the colony after the Japanese invasion in 1942 one of the last persons he spoke to before dashing for his waiting boat was his friend and colleague Eric Himsworth. He begged Himsworth to go with him, explaining that their chances of escaping to the Chinese mainland were good. In the event, however, the prospects were not so good for MacDougall received a bullet in his shoulder which he carried with him until he reached England. Himsworth would gladly have gone with him but he had only recently married and his wife, who was a nursing sister, was already behind Japanese lines. Until the colony was liberated both Himsworth and his wife spent the remainder of the war in Stanley prison camp.

Eric Himsworth, the elder son of H. J. S. Himsworth of Carlisle, was born in Carnforth, Lancashire. Educated at Silcoats School, near Wakefield, and Merton College, Oxford, where he read history and law, he joined the colonial service in 1929 and was posted to Hong Kong. Shortly before the war he decided to switch from law to finance, took a BSc degree in economics, and after his release from Stanley was appointed director of the department of commerce and industry in Hong Kong. Under his energetic leadership trade in Hong Kong developed rapidly and the tonnage of shipping moving into and out of Hong Kong expanded weekly.

Himsworth's next appointment was as financial secretary in Nigeria, where he was appointed CMG, and he finally held a similar post in Malaya. He retired from the colonial service in 1955 and almost immediately joined the United Nations which appointed him fiscal adviser to the Nepalese government. Himsworth then became financial consultant with the International Monetary Fund as part of its technical assistance programme. In this capacity he was posted to Dahomey, Ghana, Uganda and finally Indonesia.

He retired some 10 years ago to the Isle of Man but his love of travel and his restless nature kept him on the move for the rest of his life.

He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Drew

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Drew, KCB, CBE, KStJ, FRCP, will be held in the Chapel, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on Friday, October 4, 1991, at 11.00 am. It would greatly assist if those people wishing to attend would notify the Regimental Secretary RAMC, Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU12 5RQ.

Sir Kenneth Blaxter

A memorial service for Sir Kenneth Blaxter, FRS, is to be held in King's College Chapel, the University of Aberdeen, High Street, Aberdeen, at 11.30 am on Monday, September 30, 1991.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jacques David, painter, 1748; Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, author of *Frankenstein*, London, 1797; Ernest Rutherford, Baron Rutherford of Nelson, physicist, Nobel laureate 1908, Spring Grove, New Zealand, 1871.

DEATHS: Feargus O'Connor, Chartist leader, London, 1855; Sir John Ross, Arctic explorer, London, 1856; John Francis, sculptor, London, 1861.

Call to halt loss of hedgerows

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

HEDGEROWS, one of the glories of the English countryside, are continuing to disappear, according to the preliminary results of a survey commissioned by the environment department. Confirmation of the decline came as conservation groups called for stronger legal protection for hedges, trees, dry-stone walls, orchards and other traditional landscape features.

A report published today by the Council for the Protection of Rural England, the Campaign for the Protection of Wales and the Council for National Parks says urgent action is needed to halt the loss of hedgerows and traditional orchards and to close loopholes in existing laws protecting trees. Andy Wilson, the CPRE's assistant secretary, said: "Our landscape is being nibbled away remorselessly."

Last month the government announced plans to empower local authorities to compel farmers to preserve hedgerows of special landscape, conservation or historical value and also to pay grants to farmers for managing hedgerows for the benefit of wildlife. The grants can be introduced without new legislation, but the hedgerow protection scheme would need a parliamentary bill.

Mr Wilson said: "We were delighted by the government's announcement but are very concerned by reports that room may not be found for the legislation in the Queen's Speech this autumn."

The environment department said: "We cannot say what will or will not be in the speech. The government has promised that the legislation will be tabled when parliamentary time permits."

Under the proposed legislation farmers wishing to dig up a hedge would commit an offence if they did not notify their local authority, which would then have 28 days to decide whether to give the hedge 10 years' protection. Farmers could appeal to the secretary of state on the grounds that keeping the hedgerow would threaten the farm's commercial viability.

The department confirmed that the preliminary findings of a survey commissioned from the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology on hedges showed a continuing decline, "but we have still not fully analysed the data, which forms part of a wider survey of countryside use".

Existing data shows that 109,000 miles, or 22 per cent, of the 494,000 miles of hedges in place at the end of the second world war had been destroyed by 1985, mainly by intensive farming. Between 1980 and 1985, 4,000 miles of hedges vanished every year.

The report by the conservation groups also calls for existing legislation on tree preservation orders to be reinforced and widened to protect traditional orchards growing increasingly scarce local varieties of fruit.

● The agriculture ministry yesterday issued the draft of a new code of practice for farmers on reducing air pollution. The code offers guidance on how to limit the smell caused by housed livestock and the spreading of animal waste as manure.

Church confronts new perils as Cold War ends

By Ruth Gledhill, Religious Affairs Correspondent

CHRISTIAN communities across Europe face the threat of increasing diversity and even disintegration as the continent emerges from the Cold War, according to organisers of a religious conference. Theologians, economists and political scientists are meeting in Leeds this weekend to examine the place of Christianity and the church in the new Europe.

In an address to be delivered on Sunday, Cardinal Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, is expected to speak of the problems that lie under the surface of Western prosperity; how a plural society can lack the agreement on fundamental values that should underpin a community.

According to Brian Wicker, of the the Catholic Theological Association, which is organising the conference, people in the newly-liberated East feel lured westwards by impossible dreams.

Writing in today's *Catholic Herald*, he calls for a new application of liberation theology by the West, which needs a gospel to free it from its own image of success. He gives a warning of the dangers of a free market in the fundamentals of moral and spiritual existence.

Senior churchmen across denominations have voiced their disappointment that the role of religious leaders during the turmoil in the Soviet Union has been underplayed by the media. They say that the Russian Orthodox Church played a key role by denouncing the coup.

Canon Glyn Jones, leader of the Missions to Seamen, was in Moscow last week. In *The Church of England Newspaper* he says: "How the Russian Orthodox Church, which up to now has been a devout worshipping church but not a missionary one, is going to cope will be interesting to see."

The Leeds conference, "Christian Hope in Europe's Future", is being organised in co-operation with Pax Christi and the Catholic Institute for International Relations.

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As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart to follow other gods, and he did not remain wholly loyal to the Lord his God as his father David had been.
1 Kings 11:4 REB

BIRTHS

ATCHISON - On August 16th 1991, at Yeovil Maternity Unit, to Catherine (née Stone) and Stephen, a son, Laurence James, a brother for Guy.

BENNETT - On August 22nd, to Deborah (née Mohr) and Steven, a treasured first child, Sophie Jayne.

BOULDING - On August 24th, to Anna (née Polóczeki) and Julian, a daughter, Emma Catherine, a sister for Lucy.

CLARK - On August 27th, to Nicky and Duncan, a son, Archie Alexander.

CRAWLEY - On August 26th, to Belinda (née Rowland) and Nicholas, a son, Bertrand Stafford and a daughter, Mathilda Helen.

FOOT - On Wednesday August 28th in Funchal, Madeira, to Madeleine (née Pessers) and Mark, a son, James Anthony Malcolm.

HARMAN - On August 12th, to Richard and Christina, a daughter, Henrietta Isabella (to be known as Isabella), a sister to Christian. Many thanks to the University College Hospital.

HOLLOWAY - On August 29th, to Emma and Julian, a son.

HURT - On August 16th, to Jane (Lomas) and Nick, a daughter, Georgia Barbara.

JARVIS - On August 23rd, to Joanna (née Franklin) and Nicholas, a son, Oliver Edward.

JEFFRIES - On August 26th, to Sarah (née Nesbitt) and Paddy, a daughter, Alice Jill, a sister to Harry.

LONG - On August 28th, at Wycombe General Hospital, to Jenny (née Forbes) and Nigel, a daughter, Sophie Emma.

PETERS - On August 28th, to Jane (née Cranlund) and Ian, a daughter, Angela Felicity, a sister for Duncan.

PIERRE - On August 2nd, to Michelle and Tony, a dear daughter, Kiara Sophie.

SILLS - On August 27th, to Debbie and Richard, a daughter, Georgia Margaret, a sister for Alexander.

UTLEY - On August 28th, to Lucinda and Tom, a third son.

WACHMAN - On August 13th, at St George's Hospital, Tooting, to Jane (née Royle) and Nigel, a daughter, Ellie Louise, a sister for Joshua.

WILSHIRE - On August 27th, at RCH Treliske, to Lisa and Martin, a daughter, Tamsyn Birgitta.

YARD - On August 24th, to Carolyne (née Wyperl and Ian, a dear son, Angus James Henry.

DEATHS

BARRETT - On August 24th, Alan Clive, aged 53. Funeral at North Sheen Cemetery on Wednesday September 4th at 2 pm. Flowers to Ballards, 308 Old Brompton Road, Earls Court, by 11 am funeral day please.

CAMPBELL BLYTH - On August 28th, in The Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, Dr. Kenneth Campbell Blyth M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Dore, Sheffield. Dearly loved husband of Pauline. Service at Dore Parish Church, Sheffield, on Wednesday September 4th at 1 pm, followed by interment at Abbey Lane Cemetery. Flowers or donations for The Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, may be sent to John Health and Sons Funeral Directors, 14 Earsham Street, Sheffield.

DUFF - On Wednesday August 28th 1991, peacefully in the devoted care of the Hope Nursing Home, Cambridge, Patrick William Duff, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, Emeritus Regius Professor of Civil Law at Cambridge University. Beloved brother of Mary and Hester and dearly loved brother-in-law of Diana. Funeral Service at Cambridge Crematorium on Wednesday September 4th at 11.30 am. A Memorial Service to be arranged later. Floral tributes may be sent to Brian Warner Funeral Service, Harshel Court, Cambridge.

KHAIRY - On August 23rd 1991, in Rome, Hussein, Islam, accompanied by his friends

DEATHS

GLASS - On August 27th, suddenly, Myrtle Dorothy, of Lyndhurch, Dorset, formerly of Burwash. Wife of Peter, mother of Michael and Jillian. Cremation Yeovil Crematorium, Wednesday September 4th, 3 pm. Enquiries Leonard E. Smith, tel: (0823) 272122.

HALFORD - On August 27th, in a car accident whilst on holiday in Provence, France, Peter Bruce Henley, aged 24, the beloved and very precious son of Patsy and Bruce of whom they were so very proud. Funeral arrangements to be announced later. Enquiries to Torbay & District Funeral Service, tel: (0803) 318006.

HEATHCOTE - On August 29th 1991, Jonathan (Jon), beloved husband of Sally and much loved and loving Daddy of Rupert, Emma and Thomas, and so dearly loved son of Bob and Bea and brother to Joanna. Funeral Service at 11 am on Tuesday September 3rd at Holy Trinity, Combe Down. Burial at Monkton Combe. Family flowers only please, but donations may be sent instead to the Dorothy House Foundation, Bath, BA2 2AT.

KAY - On August 26th, at Monmouth Hospital, Francis (Ben), aged 73 years of Pulborough, Dear husband of the late Carmel, father of Aran and Jeannette and a loved grandfather of Kirsten, Alistair and Francheska. Funeral Service and Interment at St Mary's Church, Pulborough, on Tuesday September 3rd at 2.30 pm. Flowers or if desired donations in lieu for The Dunkirk Veterans Association may be sent to: L.F. Lintott & Son, North Street, Midhurst, W. Sussex.

KENT - On August 28th 1991, peacefully at home in Jersey, C.I., in his 92nd year, Commander Jan H.F., dearly loved husband of the late Mary (Queenie) (née Bird) and Mary (Verner) and the father of Peter, Susan and Angela. The end of a remarkable career in the Royal Navy in two wars and pioneer in industry. Funeral Service at St Martin's Parish Church, Jersey, on Wednesday September 4th at noon. Flowers to H.W. Maillard & Son Ltd. Funeral Directors, 34 Great Union Road, St Helier by 10 am. Donations if preferred to the R.N.L.I. c/o Mrs B Le Fevre, 14 Coastlands, St Clement, Jersey, C.I.

LARGE - On August 29th, in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, Diana Marguerite (née Dutton), much loved wife of John and mother of Ian, Fiona and Anne. Funeral to be held at 11 am on Saturday August 31st at St David's Cathedral, Hobart.

MACKIE - On August 28th, peacefully at home after a long illness fought with great courage and dignity, William (Bill) Frederick Charles Mackie O.B.E., beloved husband of Della and loving and proud father of Paul, Lionel and David and a much loved Grandpa. Admired and respected by his family and many friends around the world. Private funeral at Guildford Crematorium, 2pm Wednesday September 4th. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, may be sent to The British Heart Foundation.

MacLENNAN - On August 28th, after a short illness in Pembury Hospital, Finlay Jackson, aged 83. Beloved husband of Kathleen and father of Hector, Graeme and Alastair. Funeral Service on Wednesday September 4th at 10.30 am at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, Kent. Flowers or donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation c/o E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MARX - On August 25th after a short illness, Jack Charles Herbert Marx, aged 84. Sadly missed by his friends and all in the bridge world. Funeral Golders Green Crematorium, Thursday September 5th at 3.40 pm.

McLACHLAN - On August 16th 1991, Thomas McLachlan, DCM, CChem, FRSC, beloved father of Hugh and the late Sister Michael (Monica), peacefully at St David's Ascot Priory, Ascot, aged 97, fortified by the rites of the Church. There will be a Memorial Mass at St James, Spanish Place, London W1, on Saturday September 28th at 12 noon. Requiescat in pace.

DEATHS

MOORE - On August 28th 1991, after a short illness, Frank W.J., beloved husband of Joyce and dear father of Nicholas and late of Diners Club. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, 11 am, Wednesday September 4th. All enquiries to W.S. Bond Ltd., 19 Bond Street, Ealing W5, tel: (081) 567-0422.

MUNDAY - On August 26th, peacefully at The Briars Residential Home, Sandown, I.O.W., Lilian, aged 91 years. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday September 4th at 2 pm at St John's Church, Sandown, followed by cremation.

NACI - On August 18th, Jeanne and on August 28th 1991, Gienco. Une Mere Adorée, un Père vénéré-vous-me manquerez Toulouse. R.I.P. Alex.

PEALL - On August 25th 1991, Cyril Gordon, dearly loved husband of Sheila, stepfather of Antony Donaldson and father-in-law of Patricia Donaldson. Cremation has taken place in Pau on August 27th. Memorial Service at a later date in England.

PICTON - On August 27th, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, The Reverend Bill Picton, much loved and loving husband of Sylvia, father of Helen, father-in-law of Mike and Dan-Dan and friend of Victoria and William. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. Funeral Service and Thanksgiving at St John's Church, Lewisham Way, London SE8, on Friday September 6th at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations may be made to OMF or SASRA c/o Francis Chappell & Sons, 402 High Street, Lewisham SE13. (081) 690-2268. 'Forever with his Lord'.

SCOPES - On August 29th 1991, peacefully after a short illness in St Richard's Hospital, Chichester, Sally, dear wife of Eric, beloved mother of Richard and Jill (Goulston), adored 'Glow' to Katie, Mini and Pete and loved mother-in-law to Jackie and Robert.

STEBBING - On August 28th, peacefully at his home, Peter Evelyn, artist, much loved. Private cremation, Salisbury September 3rd.

THORPE - On August 22nd, suddenly on Lundy Island, Richard Simon, of Potterspury, Northamptonshire, beloved husband of Olwen and father of Ben. He will also be sadly missed by his brother Michael, family and colleagues. Funeral Service to be held on Tuesday September 3rd at 10.30 am at Crownhill Crematorium, Milton Keynes. Family flowers only, donations if desired for The British Heart Foundation. Donations and enquiries to J.S. Cowley & Son, 71 High Street, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes, tel: (0908) 566363.

TOWSEY - On Saturday August 24th 1991, peacefully at Ludshott Court Nursing Home, Headley, aged 86, Eleanor 'Nell' Towsey, widow of Air Commodore Bill Towsey, loved mother of Jill McNeile and Robin and devoted grandmother of Michael, Adrian and Eleanor. Funeral on Friday September 6th at 2pm at St Andrew's Church, Cobham, Surrey, followed by committal in Cobham Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The British Red Cross Society, 9 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7EJ.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

FEAR - Mary. Funeral Service, Christ Church, Clifton, Bristol, September 2nd, 2pm. Private cremation. Donations if desired to 'M.E. Action' c/o Thomas Davis Ltd., Southville Lodge, Southville Road, Bristol 3.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BOYFIELD - A service in memory of the life of Margaret Boyfield J.P will be held on September 8th at 2.30 pm in St Andrew's Church, Mount Park Road, Ealing, W5.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

EDWARDS - To commemorate and celebrate the life of Dr. Vernon Edwards OBE, JP, who died on 27th August. He is survived by his wife Jean and four children. The service will take place at St Mary's Parish Church, Watford, on September 12th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations can be made to the Rainer Foundation or Rotary Foundation. Further information from David Edwards or Duncan Edwards.

IN MEMORIAM — WAR

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A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 252 Cornwall Road, London EC1V 7EB during usual business hours on 4 September 1991 and 5 September 1991.
DATED this 15th day of August 1991
By Order of the Board
KRISZTINA E. WILLIAMS
Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF ORDER OF COURT ON REDUCTION OF SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT
Whereas WESTMINSTER SCAFFOLDING GROUP plc having by Special Resolution reduced its share premium account as confirmed by an Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated the 23rd July 1991.
Now therefore I hereby certify that the said Order was registered pursuant to section 138 of the Companies Act 1985 on the 12th August 1991.
Given under my hand at Cardiff the 21st August 1991
No. 1996781
M.B. MAY (MRS)
An Authorised Officer

Douglas Joinery Limited
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered Number: 1120229. Nature of business: Builders. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 20 August 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Brian Mills and Peter Anthony Lawrence (office holder Nos): 2305 and 6829. Address: Booth White 6, Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London E14 9SN.

LEGAL NOTICES

H.M.T. SUPPLIES LIMITED
Company No. 2566534
NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS
pursuant to S.98 Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at the Kingsley Hotel, Bloomsbury Way, London WC1A 2SD on Monday the 9th day of September 1991 at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of having a full statement of the company's affairs, together with a list of the creditors of the company and the estimated amount of their claims, laid before them and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a liquidator and appointing a liquidation committee. Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the company at its registered office at 2 The Elms, Church Road, Claygate, Surrey KT10 0JT, not later than 16.00 hours in the afternoon of the business day before the meeting.
Robin Arthur ELLIS of 2 The Elms, Church Road, Claygate, Surrey KT10 0JT, is a person qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the company who will, during the period before the day of the meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN THAT for the purpose of voting secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the registered office of the company at 2 The Elms, Church Road, Claygate, Surrey KT10 0JT before the meeting a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Dated: August 23, 1991
By order of the board of directors
S.N. Holgate
Director

IN THE MATTER OF IAN WILKINSON PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT, 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS on 2 September 1991 at 10:00 a.m., for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on 29th August 1991 and 30 August 1991.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge a full statement of account and (unless attending in person) a proxy at No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS no later than 12 noon on 30 August 1991 before Meeting. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
By Order of the Board,
David Wade
Director

Stewart-Douglas Limited
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered Number: 1019277. Nature of business: Builders. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 20 August 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Brian Mills and Peter Anthony Lawrence (office holder Nos): 2305 and 6829. Address: Booth White 6, Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London E14 9SN.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 46(1) OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 WE: D. J. Poyser, F.C.A. & S.O. Swaden, F.C.A. OF: Leonard Curtis & Partners, 3rd Floor, Peter House, Manchester. WERE APPOINTED JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS OF THE Q.B.F. GROUP LIMITED - REGISTERED NO. 2197136. Q.B.F. COMPUTER ART COMPANY LIMITED - REGISTERED NO. 2286188. Q.B.F. HELIOGRAMME COMPANY LIMITED - REGISTERED NO. 2286187. Q.B.F. TYPESETTING LIMITED - REGISTERED NO. 2286092. BY: National Westminster Bank P.L.C. ON Friday, 19th July, 1991 UNDER THE POWERS CONTAINED IN A DEBENTURE DATED Friday, 8th November 1990 D.J. POWER, F.C.A. & S.D. SWADEN, F.C.A. - Joint Administrative Receivers.

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COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION
WADE VERNEY LIMITED
Passed 21 August 1991
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NEW RELEASES

DIVA (15): Jean-Jacques Beineix's 1982 hit about opera, bootleg recordings and the Paris underworld, revived in a new print; a hugely influential exercise in visual chic
Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

♦ DYING YOUNG (15): Foolish, manipulative weepie with Julia Roberts in a love quandary over a young man dying of leukaemia. Director, Joel Schumacher
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 7697) Kensington (0426 914666) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

THE FOUNTAIN: Lively satirical comedy from 1988, surveying Soviet society through the framework of a crumbling apartment block. Director, Yuri Mamin
National Film Theatre (071-928 3232)

♦ NEW JACK CITY (18): Flashy visual trappings cloak an old-hat plot about a drug baron's rise and fall. With Wesley Snipes, rap singer Ice-T; directed by actor Mario Van Peebles
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Whiteleys (071-792 3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15): Peter Greenaway's variation on *The Tempest*, with John Gielgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeare's text through a jungle of eye-popping images. Brilliant but exhausting.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366)

♦ PUMP UP THE VOLUME (15): Facile drama of high-school *Angst*, with Christian Slater as a pirate radio Messiah inciting teenage rebellion. Director Allan Moyle.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666)

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♦ CINDERELLA (U): Revival of Disney's 1950 cartoon, skilful animation, attractive music, a good sense of character
Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ EDWARD SCISSORHANDS (PG): Tim Burton's captivating fantasy about a boy with scissors for hands at large in American suburbia. With Johnny Depp, Dianne West, Winona Ryder.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644) Prince Charles (071-437 8181) Whiteleys (071-792 3303).

♦ THE NAKED GUN 2½ – THE SMELL OF FEAR (12): Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy. Directed by David Zucker.
Cannon Baker Street (071-935 9772) Empire (071-437 9999) Plaza (071-437 9999)

♦ TERMINATOR 2: JUDGMENT DAY (15): Good robot Arnold Schwarzenegger battles bad robot Robert Patrick. A fine showpiece for special effects, but the humans get short shift. Director, James Cameron: with Linda Hamilton.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3324)

♦ THELMA & LOUISE (15): Distaff road movie with Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon fleeing through the American South-West.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-437 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

YOUNG SOUL REBELS (18): Seductively shot but unwieldy stew of soul music, murder mystery, racial and sexual politics, set in Jubilee Britain, 1977. A first mainstream feature for director Isaac Julien.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520)

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
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☑ THE BOYS FROM SYRACUSE: Rodgers and Hart musical based on *The Comedy of Errors* ebulliently played with fab costumes
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Tonight, 8pm. 150mins

☐ BLACK SNOW: Robin Bailey a sublimely funny Stanislavsky figure in Bulgakov's tart Moscow comedy.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat, tomorrow, 2.30pm. 145mins

☑ THE CARETAKER: Donald Pleasence in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☑ CARMEN JONES: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins

☐ COMEDY OF ERRORS: Desmond Barrit plays both twins in high-spirited production, part Disney-part Deli.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow 7.30pm, mat tomorrow 2pm. 150mins.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins

☐ DICKENS' WOMEN: Spirited, skilful tour of the funny, the fey and the gargoyles by Miriam Margolyes
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat 4pm, Sun, 3pm. 120mins.

☑ A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

☑ TROILUS AND CRESSIDA: Top-quality production by Sam Mendes of the bard's caustic vision of love and war.
The Pit, Barbican (as left), Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow 7.30pm, mat tomorrow 2pm. 210mins.

■ UNCLE VANYA: Peter Egan and Richard Briers in stirring production of Chekhov by Renaissance Theatre Co
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Tonight, tomorrow 7.45pm. Sat mat 4pm. Final performances.

☐ WHEN SHE DANCED: Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☑ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). . . ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . ☐ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5399) . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) .
☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . ☐ The Woman In Black: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

LA CLEMENZA DI TITO: Premiere of a new production by Scottish Opera of Mozart's final opera, created for the Austro-Hungarian Emperor's coronation as King of Bohemia. Glenn Winslade plays the pardoning king in a new English translation by Amanda Holden. Baroque specialist Nicholas McGegan conducts
King's Theatre Leven Street, tomorrow, 7pm

CZECH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Today, Jiri Belohlavek conducts Janáček (*Tara Bulba*), Beethoven (Triple Concerto in C) and Dvořák (Symphony No 5). Tomorrow, Mozart (*Don Giovanni* overture, Symphony No 38 in D, and "Prague" K 504), Eben (*Prague Nocturnes*), and Dvořák (*Slavonic Dances*).
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, 8pm.

JESSYE NORMAN: An evening of songs by Richard Strauss, Wagner, Tchaikovsky and Schoenberg, with Philip Moll, piano
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Sun, 8pm

GISELLE: New production by Peter Schaufuss – premiered in Berlin in May – with music by Adolphe Adam and the Northern Sinfonia, conducted by Peter Ernst Lassen. Choreography by Jules Perrot and Marius Petipa.
Playhouse Theatre, Greenside Place, today and tomorrow, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Sun, 3pm.

NIJINSKY: DEATH OF A FAUN: Nijinsky grieves over the death of Diaghilev, whose love made and broke his career. Starring dancer Nicholas Johnson, and written by David Pownall. Physicians Hall Theatre, Queen Street, today 7.30pm, tomorrow 3pm

Edinburgh International Festival Box Office: 031-225 5756.

EDINBURGH FRINGE

PICK OF THE PERRIER: Frank Skinner, acerbic wit and winner of the '91 Perrier award, is joined by Avner the Eccentric, Jack Dee, Eddie Izzard and Liverpudlian Lily Savage.
Assembly Rooms, George Street, today until Sunday, 9pm

JAZZ PLATFORM: Alex Shaw, one of Britain's better-known pianists, presents a lively mixture of lunchtime sounds

WEEKEND EVENTS

Platform One, Rutland Street, today until Sunday, 12.30pm

IN SEARCH OF OMAR KHAYYAM: British premiere of Palestinian company Al Hakawati's new production which relates the ancient tale of the Crusades. Transfers to the Riverside Studios, London on September 3
Assembly Rooms, George Street, today until Sunday, 12 noon

LIGHT IN THE VILLAGE: Traverse Company in beautifully staged production of a sentimental village tale, by John Clifford, author of *Ines de Castro*
Traverse Theatre, West Bow, today until Sunday, 1pm.

THE BENCH: Traverse Company in Alexander Gelman's play, a fascinating exploration of the Russian genius, finely acted by a two-person cast: Ian Brown and Andrew Farrell
Traverse Theatre, 112 West Bow, Grassmarket, tonight-Sun 2pm

CYNTHIA PAYNE AT HOME: The Streatham madam – portrayed by Julie Walters in the film *Personal Services* – turns raconteuse in a one-woman show, loosely scripted, and surprisingly tame.
Pleasance Theatre, 60 The Pleasance, today until Sunday, 4.30pm.

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ELSEWHERE

BBC PROMS: Today, the world premiere of Peter Paul Nash's Symphony, with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Peter Eötvös. Tomorrow, the London Gabrieli Brass Ensemble (Cherubini's *Pax redoubtée* and *Marches for the Prussian Garrison of Paris*), conducted by Christopher Larkin, and the London Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra (Beethoven's Nonet in C minor), conducted by Klaus Tennstedt. Sunday, Philippe Bianconi, pianist, and the Orchestre de Paris (Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 5 in E flat major), conducted by Semyon Bychkov
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9398). 7.30pm.

DIRE STRAITS: The rock supergroup arrive in Britain on their first tour for five years. Planned to last until 1993, it will be the biggest rock tour ever, playing to more than seven million people, and highlighting their latest album, *On Every Street* (released on Sept 9).
Sheffield Arena (0742 582002), tonight, tomorrow and Sun 8pm.

CELEBRITEAS: Eleanor Bron talks about her career and answers questions.
National Theatre, Terrace Café, London SE1 (071-928 2252), today, 3.30pm

BILLY BUDD: First night of a Britten revival by English National Opera, with Peter Coleman-Wright making his début in the title role, Philip Langridge as Captain Vere and Richard Van Allan as Claggart.
London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), tonight, 7.30

MOSCOW CITY BALLET: The five-year-old company, one of four from the Soviet Union to visit Britain over the coming weeks, presents the classical *Sleeping Beauty*, with soloists Ludmilla Semenyaka and Sergei Gorbachev (tonight, Sat evening), and Evgenia Vorovieva and Evgeny Mamrenko (Sat mat)
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021-622 7437), 7.30pm.

LONDON MOZART PLAYERS: Programme includes Mozart's Symphony No 40 (first movement), Mendelssohn's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Tchaikovsky's *Variations*, Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, and Prokofiev's "Classical" Symphony, with guest conductor Owain Arwel Hughes.
Fairfield Halls, Park Lane, Croydon (081-688 9291), tomorrow 6.30pm

BRITISH YOUTH OPERA: The London based company opens its six-night run at Sadler's Wells with a production of Puccini's *La Bohème*, sung in Italian. Directed by Ian Watt-Smith, and conducted by Timothy Dean
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Ave (071-837 1984), Sat, 7.30pm.

RLPO: Edward Warren conducts the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, with pianist Hugh Tinney, in a programme which includes Weber's "Oberon" Overture, Beethoven's Fifth ("Emperor") Piano Concerto and Elgar's *Enigma Variations*
Assembly Rooms, Market Place, Derby, 7.30pm

Obsession takes love's place

THEATRE

Romeo and Juliet
RST, Stratford

A VERSION of *Romeo and Juliet* which lasts close on four hours, a long time even for *Hamlet* nowadays, needs to be pretty good if cramp is not to grip the mind, heart and bottom. Wednesday night, alas, could have been more painless. With one or two exceptions, there was no great distinction in the acting. Nor had the director, David Leveaux, given the RSC's production much coherence of idea, certainty of tone, or sense of place. Fiery, feverish Verona too often seemed an eccentrically furnished, uninterestingly peopled stage in downtown Stratford.

Some inconsistencies are minor, if still symptomatic. The first big bust-up between the Montagues and Capulets becomes a balletic affair, with swords waved as by men underwater. Why then is Romeo's duel with Tybalt a neo-brutalist business, with the hero kicking an unarmed man in the testicles, trying to garrotte him, then stabbing him, then gratuitously strangling his corpse? Again, Alison Chitty's set largely consists of a sort of Masaccio montage, a wall divided into panels on which are painted praying figures, a distant palazzo, even a snake weaving through the Tree of Knowledge. Why must there protrude from this a sturdy structure of blue-green steel bars, giving the impression that Juliet's balcony is a guard-tower in an upmarket prison?

The evening's main success is a fortunate one, Michael Maloney's Romeo. From the start he cuts a pale, intense, abstracted figure. His first line is the mild "is the day so young?" to Benvolio's genial "good morrow, cousin". Maloney delivers this with the glazed disbelief of a traveller to Yorkshire who finds himself in Edinburgh when he meant to get off in Doncaster. He does not know whether it is day or night, Verona or Venice, so sidetracked is he by the idea of love.

Indeed, when he talks of love being "the devout religion of mine eye", it is almost literally true. He is a devotee, a man obsessed. At times it seems he has turned a religious vocation into a secular object, at first Rosaline, then Juliet. Having established this so strongly, Maloney can go in for some extravagant gestures as the evening proceeds, swirling out of Mantua like one of the Three Musketeers, and even tossing away the bottle that is poisoning him with a huge, romantic sweep of the arm. It does not matter. He is less "love's fool" than love's fanatic.

But the most high-flown Romeo needs a Juliet, and in Clare Holman he has barely half a one. Hers is a sweet, grave heroine. She even flings herself about to some effect later in the play. But the lines about love's thoughts travelling ten times faster than the sun's beams, delivered when she is waiting for news about Romeo, sound as exciting as a homily about physics; she emerges from losing her virginity to a husband about to be banished as sedately as a cat from sampling a dish of cream; and when she kisses her dead lover on the lips, it is as moving as a lifeguard giving a swimmer the kiss of life. In short, there is a big problem with Holman's performance. She is not in love.

Of the others, Sheila Reid makes a cheery Irish peasant of the Nurse, but Tim McInnerny's Mercutio sacrifices wit and charm for sweat and anger, giving the impression of a Hell's Angel unlucky enough to be born 300 years before the invention of the motorbike. His most famous speech becomes an unstable tirade, including the puzzling assertion that Queen Mab makes lawyers dream "on fizz". It took me several moments to realise he meant fees, not champers. But then the verse-speaking throughout varies from the stolid to the awkward: another inconsistency.

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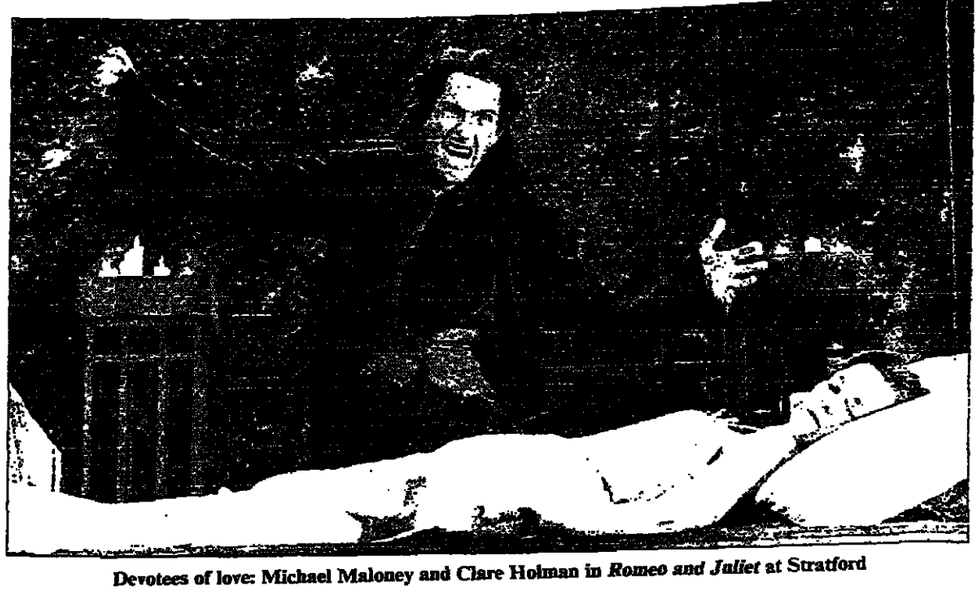

Devotees of love: Michael Maloney and Clare Holman in *Romeo and Juliet* at Stratford

THEATRE

Travelling Tales
Theatre Royal, Haymarket

THE theatre programme for *The Life of Napoleon*, John Sessions' last one-man show, contained instructions for folding it afterwards into a Napoleonic hat. Quite dashing it looked, too, despite a tendency to slip upwards over the forehead. The programme for his latest display of parody, pastiche, and manic inventiveness (directed by Tim Supple) opens with a Mercator projection of the world, but leaves it at that, missing the opportunity to explain where to bend the map along dotted lines and turn it into a terrestrial globe that we could afterwards dribble down Haymarket.

A view of Earth spinning, as Sessions put it "on the nose of seal-black space", begins the evening, with Sessions himself perched nearby on top of a film-director ladder, playing God and, simultaneously, Keith Floyd. Playing one person as though he were someone else is a characteristic of his performance, though less marked here than in the *Napoleon* show where all the historic personages spoke in the voices of modern-day actors. Another characteristic is the portmanteau trick of yoking together two celebrities who ought never to meet – Perseus and the Brontë sisters, or one of Caravaggio's young pimps and a yeoman from Constable's *Haywain* – and seeing what wit their encounters spark off.

This calls for lightning changes of voice, naturally, but also of facial expression and posture, and when Sessions' invention is most fertile, he disconcertingly suggests that he is somehow occupied by two other characters: Vanessa Redgrave, madly smiling, and then a Brazilian tree frog. The most artful personation is Robert De Niro, tricked into playing Dick Whittington's camp cat in a season of English pantomime and, back in New York, greeting as never before his gorgeous friends Sylvia Stallone and Martine Scorsese. Putting a character through the sexual mangle is one thing but keeping him recognisably the original is extraordinarily clever.

In the second half, he brings Gustav Mahler, unforgettably described as Norman Tebbit in a fright wig, face to face with the adolescent Hitler in Freud's waiting room. Off they go to America, but instead of the expected Charlie Chaplin development, a time-hop brings them to 1991, with Bob Dylan, Saddam Hussein and Perseus, again, playing supporting roles. In Sessions' world, anyone can meet and become anyone else. The comedy of this is bizarre and invigorating, yet beneath the flow lies a moral bedrock – sometimes awkwardly revealed but nevertheless present – on which his clever show is ever stronger.

JEREMY KINGSTON

PROM

LPO/Welser-Möst
Albert Hall/Radio 3

IN THE singularly unlikely event of my being appointed professor of conducting at one of our august training institutions, I would invent a course based on the three following principles. First, a conductor should beat time clearly. Second, the amplitude of his beat should be varied so that no energy is wasted and so that the orchestra knows what kind of sound is required. Third, he should remember that he is the conductor of another man's work of art, and therefore its humble servant. Franz Welser-Möst is a young man, but he has already made a promising start to his career, having learned rule one.

On the other hand, a piece as broad, varied and monumental as Bruckner's Seventh Symphony demands disciplined practice of the other two rules if the work is not to sound monochromatic. Perhaps Welser-Möst's problem with the beat is actually more psychological than technical: a confident conductor knows full well that the merest wiggle of a finger can yield telling results, and only the less sure flail. So with rule three – only those who are inwardly certain of their gifts can afford to show outward humility.

But Welser-Möst was very much the self-conscious hero, with the result that the London Philharmonic's brass blasted brilliantly but coldly and savagely, instead of evoking a sense of things spiritual. Often he passed by crucial transitional moments, which Brucknerians such as the late lamented Lovro von Matacic would never have ignored, like someone reading a sentence paying no attention to punctuation marks. One could not argue that the LPO's strings were insufficiently warm in the slow movement – rightly replete with cymbal clash and triangle roll, even if the overall shaping was inelegant. The Scherzo, too, possessed the right sort of relentless momentum. But subtlety and a sense of awe were strangely absent; the real spirit of the profound yet simple old composer remained hidden.

Grandiose gestures were also the order of the day in Beethoven's "Egmont" Overture, though once again the general orchestral sound was admirably polished. Mercifully, in Berg's *Seven Early Songs*, Welser-Möst stepped down a few notches from his pedestal, allowing Felicity Lott to deliver performances of immense warmth, intimacy and well-placed confidence. Yet even she found it difficult to summon the very last measure of nocturnal enchantment.

STEPHEN PETTITT

THEATRE

The Ladies' Band
St Bride's

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

DESPITE Edinburgh's claim to a British premiere, I cherish the memory of the Bristol Old Vic's hilarious production of Jean Anouilh's *L'Orchestre* (*The Ladies' Band*) some two decades ago. In typically bitter-sweet fashion Anouilh dissects the humdrum lives of the Salom ensemble as they play in a spa town to reveal cruelty, love and jealousy – much of it focused on the one male musician, the increasingly harassed pianist. Ivy Benson's all-girl band was never like this.

The comedy that topples into tragedy in Bristol owed much to its carefully unexaggerated depiction of the lady players, vacuously beaming at the audience and primly correct in their statutory little black dresses, all the funnier when they donned Carmen Miranda hats for a sedately executed Latin-American number.

Petar Zec's fussy production for the Open Theatre of Belgrade gives us a gallery of grotesques. The promiscuous Pamela who boards out her small daughter in the country to concentrate on love affairs is a sexy trumpeter in split skirt; the spinster who torments her senile mother in the guise of ministering angel recalls Bette Davis as Baby Jane, a blowsy blonde in girlish pink lace. There is even a blue-chinned transvestite flute player, black hair showing beneath an improbable wig. They would never pass muster in the Pump Room, Bath.

The company mimes to vigorous songs; not the expected salon pastiche but minor-key, mid-European ballads with, I suspect, satirical words (not included in the simultaneous translation). The style is loud and physical – all flouncing, mugging and grimacing, it batters Anouilh's wickedly funny contrast between gentility and anguish into the ground.

The ensemble consists of highly talented actors, with style, presence and panache, whom I would love to see as full characters rather than mere caricatures. Zoran Cvijanovic gives a beautiful study of wistfully spaced-out alcoholism as the drag flautist, gently thrusting his pelvis at the demoralised pianist so as to get at a bottle hidden in the piano stool. Tihomir Stanic plays the pianist who ignites disastrous passions in the band with a wonderful crescendo of repressed hysteria. He – and the whole company – would be wonderful in Gogol.

MARTIN HOYLE

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

GOTCH-GUT
(a) Potbellied, cf.gorbelly, but I agree the *gotch* is odd, and as the etymologists say, of orig. obsc., meaning they haven't a clue: "The stench of gotch-gut wealth, how it feeds/On children's flesh."

EPACT
(c) The moon's age at the beginning of the year, the excess of the calendar month or solar year over the lunar, from the Greek *epi-* on + *agein* to bring: "The eccentricity of the sun is exactly coincident with the epact of the moon."

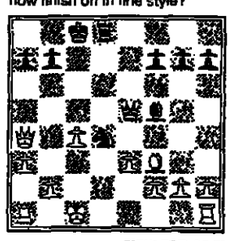
SLOAN
(b) A snub, orig. obsc.; Walter Scott, *Waverley*: "To have an opportunity of reviling the judges to their faces, of giving them, in the phrase of his country, a sloan."

TALAPOIN
(c) A Buddhist monk, especially of Pegu, in Burma, from Old Peguan *tala poi* my lord: "They hid themselves in woods and wildernesses and some turned talapoins: so they call their religious persons."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's problem is from the game Spanier – Lorenz, Hanover 1975. With all four of black's pieces bearing down on it, the white king is clearly in terrible danger. How did black now finish off in fine style?



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6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News
8.50 World Athletics Championships. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage from Tokyo. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **(9.00)** Women's 200m semi-final; **(9.30)** Men's long-jump final; **(9.30)** Men's 1,500m semi-final; **(9.50)** Women's 100m hurdles final; **(10.15)** Men's 5,000m semi-final; **(11.05)** Women's 10,000m final; **(11.55)** Women's 200m final; **(12.15)** Decathlon 1,500m. The commentators are David Coleman, Paul Dickenson, Brenda Foster and Stuart Storey. Including at **10.00, 11.00, 12.00 News** and weather, regional news and weather **12.55 Regional News** and weather
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1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax)
1.50 Film: Captain from Castile (1947). Tedious costume adventure starring Tyrone Power as a Spanish nobleman who flees the Spanish Inquisition and joins Cortez's (Cesar Romero) conquistadors in their conquest of Mexico. Directed by Henry King
4.10 Smoggies: Zombies of Coral Island. Cartoon (r) **4.35 Tricky Business: Get Out of That.** Fifth of an eight-part magical comedy drama series (r) **5.00 Newsround 5.10 Byker Grove.** Episode 12 of a 20-part children's drama series set in a youth club (r). (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide; 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Moira Stuart. Weather
6.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)
7.00 Wogan. Among the guests is the political humorist P.J. O'Rourke
7.30 Little and Large. Syd and Eddie are joined by ten-year-old Tom McLaughlan who teaches the pair some new guitar chords in a tribute to Jimi Hendrix (r). (Ceefax)
8.00 World Athletics Championships. Desmond Lynam and David Moorcroft introduce highlights of today's competition from Tokyo
8.50 What's New on BBC1. Highlights of the autumn season
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather
9.30 Film: Madigan: The Naples Beat. Richard Widmark stars in the final episode of the crisp American detective series. Madigan is sent to Italy to bring back a deported American gangster who is ready to grass on the New York Mafia. With Rossano Brazzi. (Ceefax)

Bombarding the senses: Leonard Slatkin conducts (10.40pm)

10.40 Omnibus at The Proms: Pictures at an Exhibition. *In tonight's* recorded Promenade concert from the Albert Hall, the Philharmonia under Leonard Slatkin gives a complete performance of Mussorgsky's famous work using arrangements by nine different people. The pianist Joanna MacGregor considers why *Pictures*, which began as a cycle of piano pieces, has been orchestrated and arranged by more composers than any other musical work
11.45 Film: The Internecine Project (1974). Stylish and brutal spy thriller starring James Coburn who is offered an advisory post in the US government but must first eliminate four skeletons from his shady past. Written by Barry Levinson of *Rain Man* and Jonathan Lynn, one half of the *Yes, Prime Minister* team. Directed by Ken Hughes. (Ceefax)
1.15am Weather

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Dating a Granite. Ends at **7.10**
8.00 News 8.15 England: The Election 1929 (r)
8.20 Fly Me. The training undertaken by British Airways' air stewards and stewardesses. Narrated by Eleanor Bron (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Defenders of the Earth: Family Reunion. Cartoon. (r) **9.25 Wildside.** Environmental programme (r) **10.00 Stoppit and Tidyup.** Cartoon narrated by Terry Wogan (r) **10.05 Playdays 10.25 Lassie.** The collie rescues an injured stallion
11.00 Junior Pot Black. Eamonn Holmes introduces the grand final of the junior snooker competition from Stoke-on-Trent
11.40 Film: The Young in Heart (1938, b/w).
● CHOICE: The year before he masterminded *Gone With the Wind* the producer David O. Selznick was responsible for this more modest romantic comedy that represents the Hollywood studio system at its workaday best. Employing the basic virtues of good casting, a well-structured script and a crisp pace, *The Young in Heart* tells how a family of confidence tricksters descend on a rich old lady and are forced to mend their ways. Roland Young and Billie Burke play the parents, with Janet Gaynor and Douglas Fairbanks Jr as the children. Minnie Dupree is their intended victim and Paulette Goddard, straight from her starring role in husband Charlie Chaplin's *Modern Times*, plays Fairbanks's girl. There are telling contributions from the cameraman Leon Shamroy and the composer Franz Waxman, both of whom won Oscar nominations, and the director is the largely forgotten Richard Wallace
1.10 Holiday Outlags: Home Exchange. The South family exchanges its home in Aldershot for one in California (r)
1.20 Fingerhouse: Percussion. Fun with the finger puppet (r)
1.35 Weekend Outlook. A preview of Open University programmes (r)
1.40 Golf: European Open. Steve Rider introduces the action from Walton Heath Golf Club. Including at **2.00, 3.00 News** and weather **3.50 News** and weather, regional news and weather

Hepburn and Wayne team up for a western shoot-out (6.00pm)

6.00 Film: *Rooster Cogburn* (1975).
● CHOICE: Seldom can a film have been so blatantly conceived to exploit the appeal of its stars or to have done so by putting them in roles they had successfully played before. In the case of John Wayne, the character of the one-eyed marshal Rooster Cogburn was lifted straight from the Western, *True Grit*, which brought his first and only Oscar. Katharine Hepburn's Bible-thumping missionary was a close relative of her Rose Sayer in *The African Queen*, to be shown on BBC tomorrow. Unfortunately, having come up with this relishable casting *Rooster Cogburn* undermines it with a banal script which sends Wayne in pursuit of a gang of outlaws. Nor does the director, Stuart Millar, do anything more than a routine job. But with Wayne and Hepburn rubbing sparks off each other, the film just about gets away with it
7.45 What the Papers Say with Richard Littlejohn of *The Sun*
8.00 East. The conversion to Christianity by Asians
8.30 Gardeners' World. To celebrate the centenary of the British Pteridological Society, the programme visits an extensive collection of ferns in Leinthall Starkes. Plus a guide to meadow gardening and a final look at sloping gardens
9.00 Indelible Evidence: Process of Elimination. Ludovic Kennedy introduces the last in a series of six dramatic reconstructions of real-life police murder investigations. How the identification of fibres found on the body of an 11-year-old boy killed in a sex attack helped to solve the crime (r)
9.35 The Tracey Ullman Show. American showcase for the British comedienne. Tonight's guest is Mel Brooks
10.00 Bed, Chair, Table, Lamp: Lamp. The final programme in the series examines the changing sources of light. (Ceefax)
10.30 Newsnight with John Simpson **11.15 Weather**
11.20 Edinburgh Nights. The last programme is a trilogy of plays taken from the past three years of the Edinburgh Festival, beginning with a television adaptation of a drama from this year's festival. Followed at **11.40** by *Eyes of Their Whites*. A series of monologues and songs exploring apartheid through the eyes of white South Africans, and at **12.05am** by *Loose Ends*. The story of a friendship between a country boy and a streetwise urbanite. Ends at **1.05**

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Runway. Holiday game show **9.55 Thames News** and weather
10.00 Ben Hur. Animated version **10.50 ITN News headlines 10.55 The Adventures of the Gummi Bears.** Disney cartoon (r) **11.25 Ox Tales.** Cartoon **11.55 Thames News** and weather **12.00 Cartoon.** Donald Duck **12.10 Rainbow: Shaping Up** (r)
12.30 ITN News with John Suchet. Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice**
2.20 That's History. Andy Craig adjudicates in the final battle of the historial quiz. (Oracle)
2.50 All Closed Up. Last in the series of the game show for couples **3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines**
3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian drama set in a city hospital
3.55 Cartoon. Roadrunner double bill **4.10 The Thief.** Children's drama about Kevin, the prime suspect when money is stolen from a teacher's purse. With Martino Lazzari (r)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
5.40 ITN News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather
5.55 Six O'Clock Live. The return of the magazine programme, presented by Frank Bough, Joanna Sheldon, Danny Baker and Jeni Barnett. The guest is American actor David Hasselhoff of *Baywatch* and *Knight Rider*. Including **LWT News** and weather
7.00 The $64,000 Question. Bob Monkhouse hosts a new series of the cash prize game show
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 You Bet! Matthew Kelly and Ellis Ward trailer a new series by looking back at the spectacular stunts from the last one

Rosie has no birthday presence: Sharon Gless (9.00pm)

9.00 The Trials of Rosie O'Neill: When I'm 44.
● CHOICE: A new series featuring Sharon Gless as the lawyer on the rebound from a privileged background and a broken marriage finds Rosie in introspective mood. Horror of horrors, she is about to reach her 44th birthday and mum is determined to throw a party for her. Most women who looked as good as Rosie would boast about being 44, not try to hide it. She should be so sensitive. Perhaps what really bothers Rosie is her mum, who looks 34. At least it is a new variation on the mid-life crisis. Meanwhile back at the court, Rosie is defending a man accused of raping a little girl. The evidence seems overwhelming, the judge is a pig and Rosie is no Perry Mason. The personal and the professional are smoothly interwoven in a watchable narrative, which tackles serious issues without wallowing in them and offers a good leavening of humour
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Julia Somerville. Weather **10.35 LWT News** and weather
10.40 The Best of Edinburgh. Camp follower Julian Clary introduces highlights from this year's Edinburgh Festival and Fringe, featuring comedian Lenny Henry and novelist Jilly Cooper
11.35 The Young Riders: Lady for a Night. Wild West adventure series. Lou (Yvonne Suhor) sheds her Pony Express disguise for a night on the town
12.35am Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight. Drama series based on the life of Elvis Presley. The King (Michael St Gerard) returns to his home town of Tupelo for a concert
1.05 Rescue 911. *Star Trek's* William Shatner introduces the heroic exploits of the American emergency services. A three-year-old boy is buried beneath hundreds of pounds of grain on a Pennsylvania farm, and a woman is trapped in a house fire
2.05 American Gladiators. Frank Tarkenton and Tim Wrightman host the elimination tournament as four members of the public pit their wits and strength against each other and six American gladiators
3.05 Get Stuffed. Bite-sized cooking on a budget
3.35 CinemAttractions. Charlie Tuna reviews the latest film releases
4.05 Raw Power. Rock music video show
5.05 Adventure. *Superman* Christopher Reeve introduces a compilation of action-packed short films
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel 4 Daily
9.25 Film: The Lucky Texan (1934, b/w). Low-budget Western in which the young John Wayne and his sidekick George "Gabby" Hayes strike gold. Directed by Robert N. Bradbury
10.30 Broken Silence: Close Combat. The behaviour of animals in their fight to kill or be killed (r)
11.00 Testament: Thine is the Kingdom. The fifth of a seven-part series in which the archaeologist John Romer investigates how Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire after more than 200 years of persecution (r)
12.00 Elements: Coal and Steel. The fifth of six programmes on contemporary artists who work with the elements
12.30 Business Daily
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school education programme (r)
2.00 Art of the Western World: The Legacy of Greece. Michael Wood begins a 19-part series on the history and development of Western art by looking at the media of sculpture and pottery (r)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park. John Francombe introduces the line up (subject to alteration) **(2.35)** Singapore Airlines Non-Stop Stakes, Nursery Handicap. **(3.10)** Atalanta Stakes. **(3.40)** Solario Stakes. **(4.10)** *People Sporting Life* Championship 3-y-o Stakes Handicap
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts the words and numbers game
5.00 The Encircled Sea: Earth, Fire and Water. In the second of a ten-part portrait of the Mediterranean and the people who live around its shores, Andrew Sachs looks at the area's geological hotspots, and the Nile Delta (r)
5.30 I Love Lucy: Sentimental Anniversary (b/w). Classic American comedy series. Lucy (Lucille Ball) and Ricky (Desi Arnaz) plan a quiet anniversary celebration. *Their neighbours have other ideas*
6.00 Roseanne: Guilt by Dissociation. Wisecracking American comedy starring Roseanne Barr as the blue-collar matriarch. Roseanne gets a job but flops in the face of computer discs (r)
8.30 ahthirtysomething. Showbusiness magazine. Ann Bryson and Maria McErlane discuss *Dying Young*, the new Julia Roberts film, and join Michael Elphick on the set of *Boon*
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Anna Ford. (Teletext) Weather
7.50 First Reaction. A controversial opinion on the art world
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext)
8.30 Europe Express. The European current affairs series reports on poverty in Albania, the return of Czechoslovak land to former aristocrats and a Catalan rock concert in Barcelona
9.00 Cheers: The Spy Who Came in For a Cold One. Continuing the series of repeats from the first series of the comedy set in a Boston bar. Diane (Shelley Long) gives short shrift to a customer who brags about his exploits as a spy during the war (r) (Teletext)
9.30 Garden Club. The gardening magazine visits a wildlife garden and views a collection of rare plants in Surbiton, Surrey. Presented by Roy Lancaster, Matthew Biggs and Rebecca Pow
10.00 Dream On: Sole Sister. American comedy series about a New Yorker who goes through life experiencing flashbacks from old television shows. Starring Brian Benben. (Teletext)
10.35 Packet of Three. Jenny Eclair, Frank Skinner and Henry Normal preside over the comedy and poetry venue, the Crumpsall Palladium. Tonight's line-up includes the Glaswegian comedian Phil Kay, impressionist John Thompson and poet John Hegley
11.20 The Best of the Paul Hogan Show. The down-to-earth Aussie comedian explores the history of Australia and tries to eat an exploding pizza (r)

East meets west down under: Ishida and Eadie (11.50pm)

11.50 Film: Aya (1990). The last film in the *Down Under* season is a psychological drama about Aya, a Japanese woman, who marries an Australian soldier but finds it difficult to adjust to the culture of her adoptive country. Starring En Ishida, Nicholas Eadie and Chris Haywood. Written and directed by Solrun Hoaas
1.40am Sid Caesar's Show of Shows (b/w). Highlights from the Fifties comedy series. Ends at **2.05**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Held 6.00 *Home and Away* 8.25-7.00 *Anglia News* 10.40 Wheels 11.40-12.40 The Best of Edinburgh 1.05am-2.05 Magnum

BORDER
As London except: 6.00pm Lookaround Friday 10.40 Norman Nicholson's Lakeland 11.10 The Best of Edinburgh 12.05am Sport in Question 1.05 Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.25 Night Beat 3.25 Neighbours 5.05-5.30 Jason Donovan/Caron Wheeler – In Profile

CENTRAL
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Ketra and Dog 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.40 The Salzburg Connection 12.30am Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.20 Film: Assault 3.00 The Hit Man and Her 5.00-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 11.35 Film: A Cold Night's Death 1.05am Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.25 Night Beat 3.25 Film: Neighbours 5.05-5.30 In Profile – Jason Donovan/Caron Wheeler

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 HTV Sportsweek 11.35-12.35am Beauty and the Beast

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six

SCOTTISH
As London except: 2.45pm-2.50 Gardening Tips 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.40 Scotsport Extra Time 11.10 The Best of Edinburgh 12.10am NB 12.40 Dirty Dancing 1.10 Film: Shampoo 3.10 Heartland 3.40 Off the Page 4.10 NB Special 4.40 The Twilight Zone 5.05-5.30 Peppino

TSW
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 The Munsters Today 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Gardens for All 10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.40 The Best of Edinburgh 12.40am Alfred Hitchcock Presents 1.05 Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.25 Night Beat 3.25 Film: Neighbours 5.05-5.30 Pop Profile

TVS
As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.20 Police 5 6.30-7.00 That's Gardening! 10.40 This Way Out 11.10 Yangtze Adventure 12.10am-12.35 The Twilight Zone

TYNE TEES
As London except: 2.50pm-3.15 All Closed Up 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Getting Them Early 10.40 DIY TV 11.40 Secret Witness 1.05am Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.25 Night Beat 3.25 Film: Neighbours 5.50-5.30 Jason Donovan/Caron Wheeler – In Profile

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 10.40 The Best of Kelly 11.40 The Best of Edinburgh 12.40am Stephen King's World of Horror 1.05 Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.25 Night Beat 3.25 Film: Neighbours 5.05-5.30 Jason Donovan/Caron Wheeler – In Profile

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.50pm Help Yourself 1.55-2.20 An Invitation to Remember 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Stars and Gardens 10.40 Film: The Old Man Who Cried Wolf 12.05am Tour of Duty 1.05 Friday the 13th: The Series 2.00 Strange Best 2.30 Zara Diyan Dein 2.35 Film: Pyaar Ka Toofan 5.00-5.30 The Long White Trail

S4C
Starts: 9.30am Y Smyrffs 9.55 Sesame Street 10.50 Film: They Were Not Divided 12.35pm Revelation 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 In Search of Scotland's Larder 2.30 Channel 4 Racing 4.30 Laurel and Hardy: 4.40 The Opera Winfrey Show 5.30 Brookside 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Penawdau 7.00 Dilas 7.30 Y Gymro Clyfa 8.00 Cracer 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Pobl Ewrop 10.00 Dream On 10.35 Packet of Three 11.20 The Best of the Paul Hogan Show 11.50 Film: AYA 1.40am Sid Caesar's Show of Shows

RTE 1
Starts: 2.55pm News; Kitchen Garden 3.10 The Heritage of the Guidenburge 4.00 News; Sons and Daughters 4.30 The Forsyte Saga 5.20 Out of Limits 5.30 The Sullivans 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.30 Stan Laurel 6.35 The World's Greatest Stunts II 7.35 Major Dad 8.05 The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes 9.00 News 9.20 The Greatest Field Game in the World 10.10 Film: Catch-22 12.15-12.20am Late News

NETWORK 2
Starts: 8.45am Athletics from Tokyo 12.45pm Close 3.00 Bosco 3.30 Joe 90 4.00 Film: The Last of the Mohicans 5.35 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles 6.00 Get Smart 6.25 Home and Away 7.00 The Honeymoners 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News; Sportsworld 9.00 Surgical Spirit 9.30 News; Manhattan Transfer 10.30 Tokyo Report 11.30 Screen International

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and The Beautiful 11.30 The Young and The Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Different Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.30 Growing Pains 8.00 Ripticle 9.00 Hunter 10.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 11.00 The Friday Night Feature: Dark Night of the Scarecrow (1981) 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
12.00 Sky News at Noon 12.30pm CBS News 1.00 Sky News 1.30 CBS News 2.00 Sky News 2.30 Our World 3.00 Sky News 3.30 Our World 4.00 Sky News 4.30 Those Were The Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.00 Sky News 6.30 Newsline 7.00 Sky World News Tonight 8.30 Those Were The Days 9.00 Sky World News Tonight 10.30 Newsline 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 CBS News 12.00 Sky World News Tonight 12.30am Newsline 1.00 Sky Newswatch 1.30 CBS News 2.00 Sky Newswatch 2.30 Holiday Destinations 3.00 Sky Newswatch 3.30 Our World 4.00 Sky Newswatch 4.30 Those Were The Days

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
6.00am Showcase
10.00 Sacred Ground (1983): Trouble starts for a wilderness adventurer when he settles on a sacred Red Indian burial ground
12.00 Time Bandits (1981): John Cleese and Sean Connery star in this fantasy-comedy from ex-Monty Python member Terry Gilliam
2.00pm License to Drive (1988): A teenage boy takes off his L-plates and sets off in his father's vintage car for a dream date
4.00 Battle Beyond The Stars (1980): An *outer-space re-make of Seven Samurai* 5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Vibes (1988): Jeff Goldblum and Cyndi Lauper star as the psychics who travel through South America looking for the lost city of gold
8.00 The Raven-Red Kiss-Off (1990): A send-up of the private-eye thrillers of the forties
9.40 US Top 10
10.00 The Krays (1988): Gary and Martin Kemp star as the infamous Reg and Ronnie, with Billie Whitelaw as mentorch Violet
12.00 Hell Comes To Frogtown (1988): Roddy Piper sets out on a quest to rescue eight damsels in distress from the clutches of frog mutants
1.30am Colors (1987): Sean Penn and Robert Duvall star as the two street cops in Los Angeles
3.50 Skin Deep (1988): Blake Edwards serves up a cocktail of drink, sex and personal disaster, with John Ritter and Alyson Reed

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
6.15 Seven Sinners (1940): John Wayne and Marlene Dietrich fall in love
9.15 The Jetsons Meet The Flintstones. Two very different families meet for double the fun
10.15 Plain Clothes (1988): A cop goes undercover at his old school to find a teacher-killer
12.15pm Phantom Lady (1944). Franchot Tone stars as the husband falsely accused of his wife's murder and sentenced to death
2.15 The Hireling (1973): Chauffeur Robert Shaw falls in love with the aristocratic Sylvia Miles
4.15 Day for Thanks on Waltons' Mountain (1982): Will the Waltons manage to spend Thanksgiving together?
6.15 Mr Rock and Roll (1957): Alan Freed stars as himself in this saga of the discovery of rock'n'roll
8.15 Old Gringo (1989): Jane Fonda *as the* spinster-governess who falls for the Mexican rebel general played by Jimmy Smits. With Gregory Peck
10.15 Trapped (1989): Kathleen Quinlan stars as a caretaker alone in a building with a crazed killer
11.50 Casualties of War (1989). Michael J. Fox plays the good guy to Sean Penn's mad soldier who kidnaps and rapes an Asian village-girl in Vietnam
1.45am Phantasm II (1988): A grisly plan to kidnap humans and turn them into ugly midget creatures
3.25 The Beast of War: Jason Patric and Steven Bauer star as the rebellious Russian soldier and the Afghan partisan in this bloody war epic

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
11.00am NFL Countdown 1.00 Australian Rugby League 3.00 US Open Tennis 6.00 Sky Soccer Weekend 7.00 US Open Tennis 10.00 Australian Rules Football 12.00-3.00am US Open Tennis

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
8.00am Athletics World Championships from Tokyo 1.00am Football: Norway v USSR 2.30 Athletics Highlights from Tokyo 4.00 Golf European Open 6.00 Athletics Highlights from Tokyo 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Mountain Bike 7.30 Golf European Open 9.00 Swimming Eurochampionships from Athens 9.30 Athletics Highlights from Tokyo 10.30-11.00 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite
7.00am ATP/IBM Tennis Tour 8.30 US Grand Prix Show Jumping 9.30 Revs 10.00 Stock Car Racing 11.00 Wide World of Sport 12.00 International Speedway 1.00pm US PGA Golf Tour 3.00 All Japan Formula 3000 Championships 4.00 American Football 5.00 Argentina Soccer 6.00 Gillette World Sport Special 6.30 Bodybuilding 7.30 Action Auto 8.00 Gol Dutch motorsports magazine 9.00 Inside Track 10.00 US Pro Box 11.30 Tennis

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite
10.00am The Great American Game Shows 11.15 Lifestyle Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Simply Marvellous 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Star Time 1.10 The Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Divorce Court 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 The Tom Ewell Show 3.10 Weekday Drama: Winter Music 4.00 Lifestyle Tea Break 4.10 Mothers-in-Law 4.40 The Great American Game Shows 5.00 The Sell-A-Vision Shopping Programme. Ends at 10.00

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite
Twenty four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM Only) 6.55 Weather; News
7.00 Morning Concert: Couperin (Concerts royaux, No 2); Smyth (Overture: The Wreckers)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Françaix (Wind Quartet); J. Strauss (son) (Tales from the Vienna Woods); Erroll Garner (Erroll's Blues: Erroll's Bounce); Copland (Appalachian Spring)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: C. P. E. Bach, cantor and music director at Hamburg (Symphony in B minor, Wq 182 No 5; Morgengesang am Schöpfungsfeste, Wq 239; Quartet in G, Wq 95; Concerto in E flat for harpsichord and fortepiano, Wq 47)
9.35 Benjamin Britten: Conductor, Pianist, Composer: Beethoven (Overture: Coriolan, Op 62: ECO under Britten); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 12 in A, K 414: Aldeburgh Festival Orchestra under Britten); Debussy (Prélude à l'après-midi d'une faune: ECO under Britten); Britten (String Quartet No 1 in D, Op 25: Britten String Quartet); Gluck (Overture: Iphigénie en Aulide: ECO under Britten); Britten (Cantata Academica, Op 62: Jennifer Vyvyan, soprano, Helen Watts, contralto; Peter Pears, tenor, Owen Brannigan, bass. LSO and Chorus under George Malcolm)
11.20 Finnish RSO with Anne Evans, soprano, and Walton Groenroos, baritone, under Esa-Pekka Salonen perform Haydn (Symphony No 80 in D minor); Kaija Saariaho (*Du cristal*: first performance); Zemlinsky (Lyric Symphony)
1.00pm News
1.05 Mozart Summer: The wind music of Mozart and those he inspired. Beethoven (Variations on "La ci darem la mano" for two oboes and cor anglais, WoO 28: Dresden State Orchestra members); Stamitz (Partita in E flat for wind octet: Consortium Classicum); Mozart (Divertimento, K 439b No 4: Colin Lawson, Margaret Archibald, clarinets; Frances Eustace, bassoon); Wendt (Partita for wind in F: Collegium Musicum Pragense)
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: Royal College of Music Symphony Orchestra performs Berg (Three Orchestral Pieces, Op 6) and Simon Bainbridge (Cantus contra Cantum: world premiere)
2.55 Bath Festival 1991. Vienna 1680-1780: Approaches to Mozart, with the London Baroque: Biber (Partita No 6 in D, Harmonia artificiosa-ariosa); J. J. Fux (Sinfonia a tre in D, KV 330); Vivaldi (Sonata for violin and basso continuo in D minor, RV 14); *Vanhal (Trio* Sonata in D, Op No 6); Haydn (Concertino for cembalo, two violins and cello, H XVIII F2); Boccherini (String Trio in G, Op 35 No 2); Mozart (Church Sonatas: in B flat, K 212; in E flat, K 67; in B flat, K 66)
4.15 Music for Organ: Stephen Cleobury, from King's College, Cambridge, performs Jongen (Sonata eroica, Op 94) and Alain (Trois danses)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure
6.30 Bix's Gift: Was trumpeter Chet Baker the modern Bix? (5 of 5)
7.00 News
7.05 A Stroll in Vienna, with Judith Bumpus (r)
7.30 Proms 1991: From the Albert Hall, London. Ian Caley, tenor, Michael Thompson, horn, with the BBC SO under Peter Eötvös perform: Peter Paul Nash (Symphony, BBC commission: first performance); Britten (Serenade for tenor, horn and strings)
8.20 The Double Standard: George Steiner talks about one of the great "secret" novels of France, Lucien Rebatet's *Les Deux Etendards*, which is about to be re-published
8.40 Harrison Birtwistle: Earth Dances
9.30 The Gates of the Underworld: A fantasia for radio, by Jeremy Beadle, based on the writings of E. T. A. Hoffman (r)
10.30 Viola, Cello and Guitar: Tabea Zimmermann, viola, Steven Isserlis, cello and Eliot Fisk, guitar, perform Paganini (Serenata for viola, cello and guitar in C); Boccherini (Sonata for viola and guitar in C minor); Britten (Nocturnal for guitar); Beethoven (Duet for viola and cello in E flat "mit zwei obligaten Augengläsern", Woo 32) (r)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Rachmaninov (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News; Weather, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.43 Eels With Dill Sauce: Penelope Wilton reads from Countess von Bredow's memoirs 8.58 Weather 9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: The castaway is the Liverpudlian playwright and scriptwriter Alan Bleasdale (s) (r)
9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley of *The Financial Times* sirs your letters and comments on BBC programming
10.00 News: Special Assignment: BBC correspondents report on one of the main topics in this week's news
10.30 Morning Story: The Weeping Child, by Jane Gardam (s)
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 Greenham Women, Greenham Men
● CHOICE: With no sign yet of Greenham Common: The Movie, we must settle for Greenham Common: The Documentary. But if there *had* been a movie, there's a ready-made slogan that would have looked good on the posters, and it is modestly buried away in the BBC publicity bulletin about today's programme: "Greenham, where women found themselves, and some men lost them!". Jenni Mills's report reveals that Greenham did break up some marriages, although it strengthened others. Responsibly, however, the main thrust of her report concerns Greenham as a symbol of women united for peace (s)
11.47 More Wrestling Than Dancing: One Dog's Day. David Moreau recalls a faithful retriever with somewhat eccentric habits
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Gardening Quiz with Stefan Buczacki in the chair(s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Women's Hour: A special medieval edition from Birmingham looking at the legacy of the Crusades. Plus *marriage guidance from* Chaucer, music from female troubadours and hints from a medieval kitchen
3.00 News; Classic Serial: The Sea Wolf. Second in a four-part adaptation of Jack London's tale of life on the high seas (s) (r)
4.00 News **4.05** Tea Junction: Topical discussion show in which Patrick Hannan and his guests take a wry look at the week's events
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Tim Marlow admires African art on show in Bradford and visits Stratford-upon-Avon to take a look at the Other Place Theatre, recently re-opened for a production of *The Blue Angel* (s)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News
6.30 *September Song: An Act of* Friendship. First in a seven-part dramatisation exploring middle age, by Ken Blakeson (s) (r)
7.00 News **7.05** The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Hilton Fyle (s)
8.05 The Moral Maze: Michael Buerk chairs an investigation into the moral issues behind the week's news (s)
8.50 Stop Press, with Peter Fiddick
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Black Lamb and Grey Falcon. Diana Rigg reads part five of Dame Rebecca West's book about her travels through Yugoslavia during the inter-war years
11.00 *On the Hour: The news as it* happens, if it happens. Current affairs meets comedy (s)
11.25 The Financial Week (s)
11.45 Occupation: Spy. The thriller writer and former intelligence officer Ted Allbeury reflects on spies and spying, with the help of the BBC sound archives (2 of 2)
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather; 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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Two die in air collision over Wales

By Bill Frost

TWO people died yesterday when an RAF Jaguar and a civilian aircraft collided over mid-Wales. The RAF pilot survived, but rescue workers recovered the bodies of his navigator and the pilot of the civilian plane in woodland close to Carno, Powys.

Richard Davies, aged 15, who saw the collision, said: "The light aircraft had been flying over the village all morning carrying out an aerial survey when suddenly this jet came screaming south down the valley. It hit the civilian plane full in the side, and there was a bang as both planes smashed to bits in the sky."

He found the navigator dead near his ejector seat. "He was still harnessed to his parachute, which seemed half open. In the next field I found the jet pilot on his side. He was injured and in pain."

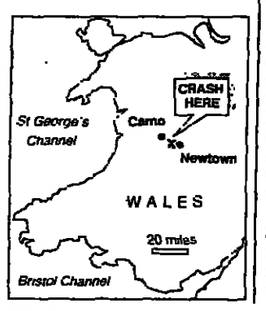
Wreckage from the collision fell over much of the village, but no-one was reported hurt. Hywel Davies, Carno sub-postmaster, said: "There was a a bang, a flash of light, and bits flying everywhere. We knew immediately what had happened because there is a lot of low flying round here."

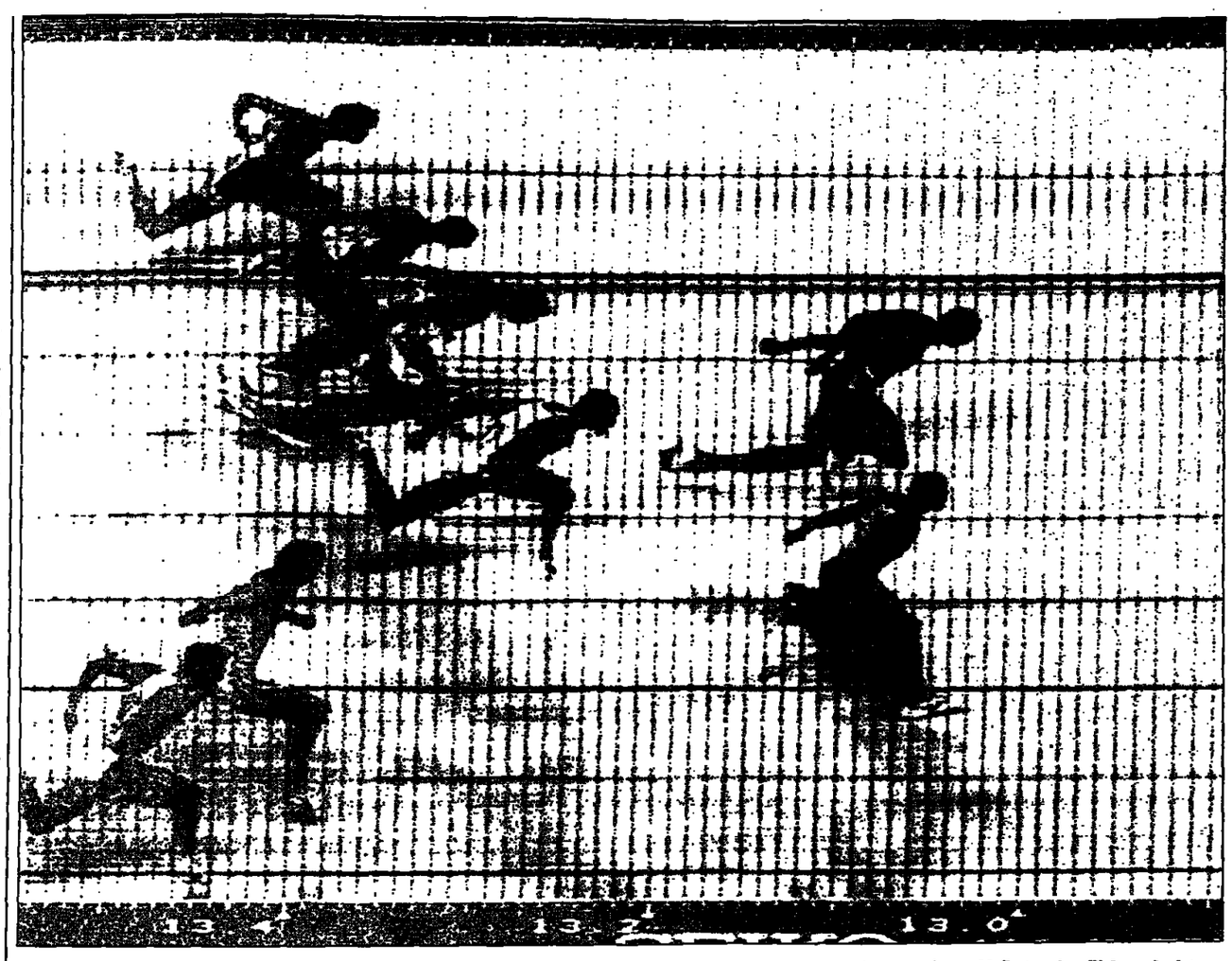
Electricity supplies to the village were cut off after debris cut power lines.

Air accident investigators were at the scene last night. The defence ministry said the Jaguar was based at RAF Coltishall in Norfolk, but declined to name the dead crewman.

● **Cleveland** — A British Airways DC10 flying from London to Atlanta and a Midway Airlines flight from New York to Chicago came within 300 feet of collision over Ohio, it was disclosed yesterday.

Traffic controllers saw the two appear to crash on the radar screen last week, but the Midway pilot dived to avoid collision. The pilot of the BA plane, carrying 193 people, was unaware of the incident. *(AP)*





Close-run thing: this dramatic photograph shows the finish of the men's 110m hurdles at the Tokyo world championships yesterday, in which it was virtually impossible to decide which United States athlete, Greg Foster (top) or Jack Pierce, had won. The rule states that "competitors shall be placed in the order in which any part of their bodies ["torso" as distinguished from head, neck, arms, legs, hands or feet] reaches the vertical plane of the nearer edge of the finish line"; the photo-finish judge, with the aid of the camera, which photographs each runner as he crosses the line and places him according to the timing grid (bottom), will have had to decide where Foster's neck ends and his torso begins. Pierce has breasted the tape more cleanly. Both were given times of 13.06sec, but Foster declared the winner. Report, page 34

Time to relax in Saddam's summer haven

THE northern Iraqi tourism board may be an idea whose time has yet to come, but once a date for the launch party is set Major-General Jay Garner, an American, is bound to get an invitation.

In July, as the last American troops were set to take their leave of the Kurdish enclave the allies had created, a small group of us hung on the general's every word to see if he would announce his intention to return or, in the way of departing heroes, utter something memorable.

"A great country ... a tremendous place for tourism," is what he did say, but a dull thud in the distance accompanied his words. This was the sound of yet another anti-personnel mine being triggered by the fires set to burn off the stubble of harvested wheat, suggesting that it would be a while before the ramblers started organising tours in any number.

More's the pity, because part of the infrastructure for a tourist invasion is already in place. The landing strip at Sarsank is in working order, although construction on the control tower stopped abruptly about this time last year. The airport is designed specifically to whisk trippers to the mountainside near by whose shade provides refuge from the fierce but dry summer heat of the plains below.

The purpose of the investment was not to lure the package tours but to service the leisure requirements of one man. A great chunk of the countryside, including an artificial lake and a network of private roads, has been carved off to create President Saddam Hussein's summer palace — less a seraglio than a compound of extravagant residences — for himself and his entourage.

The Iraqi leader went to great lengths to preserve his holiday home, even agreeing to vacate the allied security zone if the compound remained inviolate. Even now a handful of Republican Guard stand watch over the gate, looking ever more tattered as their supplies and patience run low.

Not all the scenic areas of Kurdish Iraq have been colonised by Saddam. In Sulaf, a bend in the road leading to the citadel town of Almadiya, the hotel now serves only as a billet for Jalal Talabani's Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, and the swimming pool lies empty. But in the small arbours set up beside the mountain stream there are crowds of people sipping tea laced with sugar or ordering lunch.

This was not the case in May, when these same people began their return from the mud encampments that had been their refuge along the Turkish border. I came to Sulaf with a peshmerga (Kurdish resistance) leader and we descended, unannounced, for lunch on the summer home of a doctor waiting until it was safe to bring his large family (diminished by the death of a grandchild in the camps) back to Dahuk, then still under Baghdad's control.

I was puzzled by the excellence and quantity of our repast — a huge plate of vine leaves stuffed with rice, freshly baked flat bread and a vegetable stew. The rice, flour and oil I believe were part of allied rations, the vegetables bought from traders coming from outside the security zone.

That meal was also a significant advance on Sulaf restaurant fare which, apart from kebabs, consists of lamb and onion stew poured over bits of bread to soak it all up, a dish worthy of a skull and crossbones, or whatever Michelin equivalent indicates "make a detour to avoid". The real pleasure here is not the food, or even the absence of German tourists hogging the beach chairs, but the incongruous sight of people enjoying themselves at all.

The thought that the people of northern Iraq have earned their summer break is one to take back to southeast Turkey, where normally the hotels would be full of adventurous holidaymakers doing the rounds. The Gulf war, here like elsewhere, has put paid to all that.

ANDREW FINKEL

Soviet party is suspended

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day". A Russian delegation was also reported to be heading for the city.

In parliament, deputies began the process of voting on new members to the security council, approving the leaders of the nine republics that supported the Union Treaty that was to have been signed last week. In a further sign of the republics' strength, deputies agreed to Mr Gorbachev's nominations, but set the proviso that the republics should be consulted before the list was finalised. Mr Gorbachev nominated his former adviser, Aleksandr Yakovlev, his new chief of staff, Grigori Revenko, Yuri Ryzhkov, a constitutional specialist from the Russian parliament, and the mayors of Moscow and Leningrad.

He also named the former Soviet foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, but a member of Mr Shevardnadze's staff said that he had declined. Yevgeni Shaposhnikov was confirmed as defence minister and Vadim Bakatin as KGB chief.

The wholesale purge of the KGB continued, with two further dismissals, including the head of personnel. Most of the Soviet Union's judicial establishment was also removed, with the dissolution of the procuracy's collegium and the resignation of chief procurator Nikolai Trubin.

Mr Trubin, who was in Cuba at the time of the coup, stated that he saw no reason to describe it as unconstitutional, and his staff in Moscow were reported to have given it their active support. His last act was to recommend to parliament the lifting of Anatoli Lukyanov's parliamentary immunity. Mr Lukyanov, who was chairman of parliament at the time of the coup, is now to be charged with treason. According to Mr Trubin's testimony, which was reportedly based on the interrogation of the seven conspirators, there was "very serious evidence that Mr Lukyanov, together with the members of the emergency committee, participated in the plot to seize power".

Mr Trubin said that Mr Lukyanov had "helped the coup leaders to find a constitutional pretext for their putsch and had promised to deliver parliament's support". The Russian prime minister last week accused the chairman of the Soviet parliament of being the chief ideologist of the coup and there is speculation that he had might have received the state presidency as his reward.

Mr Lukyanov has consistently denied the charges against him, saying only that perhaps he "could have done more" to oppose the coup.

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Burnet leaves ITN dignified to the last

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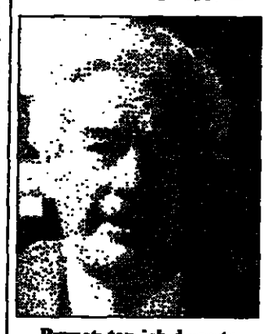
broadcaster's professional rivals acknowledged that the caricature was gross and unjustified. A BBC anchorman said: "He is unflappable, an uncle-figure who you instinctively believe and warm towards." Knocking copy, and Sir Alastair has had more than his fair share, was ignored or treated with disdain. Fleet Street sought another Reggie Bosanquet, an idol they could build up and then subject to ritual public humiliation. Sir Alastair was not the man. He maintained his privacy, his dignity and his audience.



Burnet: top job departs with the top man

There will be no unseemly scramble to replace him as ITN's senior newsreader. There will be no scramble at all. The top job has gone with the top man; in future all presenters will be presented as equals.

Sir Alastair, a keen racing man, has been tipped to take over as chairman of the Tote when Lord Wyatt stands down. Be that as it may, he has no intention of leaving the television studio forever. He will be back on screen to present ITN's general election programmes.

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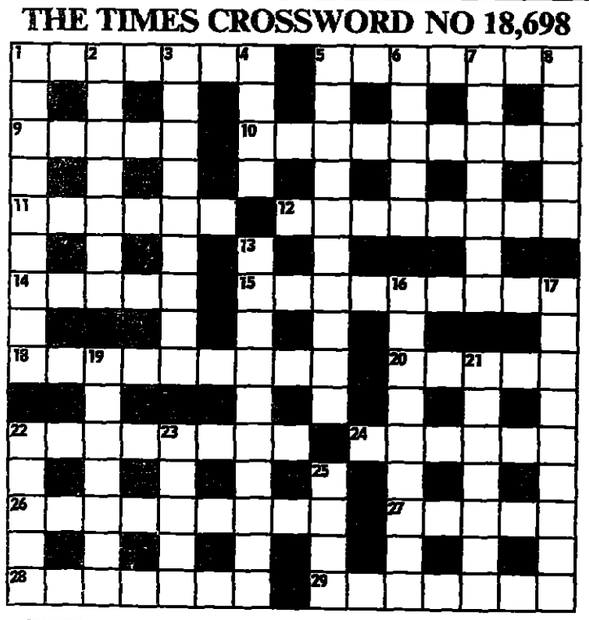


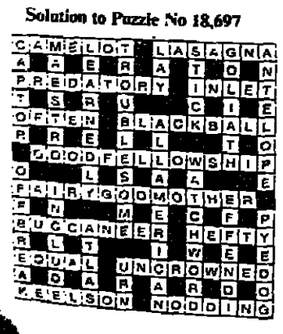
ACROSS

1 Follow four-wheeler to West End in two-wheeler (3-4).
5 A farm building liable to collapse (7).
9 Artist returning some time before noon (5).
10 Sir Lucius put upstart in racing-boat (9).
11 New weapon contract (6).
12 Surface prepared for putting on one quiet colour (8).
14 European swings round sweetheart in French dance (5).
15 Cruel and hollow? (9).
18 His work secures a hearing for philosopher and economist (9).
20 Dull material military press may have to deal with (5).
22 Male sabre-rattler holding a weapon (8).
24 Ring may be present (2,4).
26 The rest of the pupils perform on stage daily (9).
27 Daggers drawn when corruption is suspected (5).
28 Make a timely remark to stop me (3,4).
29 It's unconventional to use whip at start of race (7).

DOWN

1 Buck's tenth original publication (4,5).
2 Dreadful girl one encountered on stage (7).
3 Mansfield, for example, houses art collection (9).
4 Essay about love in the city of Paris (4).
5 Extra crops cut, following calculations etc (10).
6 Transparent dress material made of net — an eye-opener (5).
7 Female found in order to have a dance (7).
8 One dropped from the air smashes into this (5).
13 Daily's written about one president (10).
16 Satirical act suddenly becoming popular (6,3).
17 Meaning to turn on spray (9).
19 Two actors (7).
21 Notice egghead occupying top position in college, say (7).
22 Letters set in faulty positions? (5).
23 Arrive in church to tie the knot (5).
25 City subdued league leaders in scoreless draw (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,697



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

GOTCH-GUT
a. Potbellied
b. Strong fishing cast
c. Turkish cavalry

EPACT
a. An introductory scene
b. With snub nose
c. The moon's age

SLOAN
a. A headscarf
b. A snub, reproof
c. A draining spade

TALAPOIN
a. A pointed toe cap
b. Whitewash at Backgammon
c. A Burmese Buddhist monk

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WEATHER

Rain or drizzle over northern Scotland will clear by the afternoon. Elsewhere it will be a dry day with long periods of sunshine. During the evening parts of south-west England will become cloudier followed by thundery rain. Outlook: Scotland will remain dry and sunny, while thundery rain over the South-West will spread north. Becoming rather humid.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	29	84	s	Madrid	30	86	s
Akrotiri	28	82	s	Majorca	33	91	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malaga	29	84	f
Algiers	37	99	s	Malta	31	88	s
Amst'dm	20	68	s	Melb'rne	15	59	f
Athens	27	81	f	Mexico C*	21	70	f
Bahrain	35	95	s	Miami*	27	81	r
Bangkok	31	88	f	Milan	26	79	s
Barcelna	28	82	s	Montreal*	28	82	f
Beirut	28	82	f	Moscow	16	61	c
Belgrade	18	64	f	Munich	18	64	f
Berlin	15	59	r	Nairobi	26	79	f
Bermuda*	31	88	s	Naples	28	82	f
Biarritz	24	75	f	N Delhi	27	81	f
Borde'x	30	86	f	N York*	33	91	c
Brussels	19	66	s	Nice	28	82	s
Budapest	19	66	f	Oslo	21	70	s
B Aires*	21	70	f	Paris	24	75	s
Cairo	32	90	f	Peking	26	79	s
Cape Tn	15	59	f	Perth	15	59	c
Chicago*	33	91	f	Prague	16	61	f
Ch'church	12	54	s	Reykjavik	8	46	c
Cologne	21	70	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
C'phagn	19	66	s	Rio de J	22	72	s
Corfu	28	82	s	Riyadh	40	104	s
Dublin	22	73	s	Rome	27	81	s
Dubrovnik	25	77	s	Salzburg	16	61	f
Faro	24	75	s	S Frisco*	20	68	f
Florence	29	84	c	Santiago*	13	55	s
Frankfurt	22	72	s	S Paulo*	28	82	f
Funchal	26	79	f	Seoul	31	88	f
Geneva	25	77	s	St'kholm	18	64	f
Gibraltar	28	82	s	Strasb'rg	24	75	s
Helsinki	20	68	f	Sydney	16	61	s
Hong K	28	82	s	Tangier	26	79	f
Innsbruck	20	68	f	Tel Aviv	28	82	f
Istanbul	23	73	f	Tenerife	26	79	s
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tokyo	25	77	f
Jo'burg*	25	77	s	Toronto*	31	88	s
Karachi	31	88	f	Tunis	34	93	s
L Palmas	25	77	s	Valencia	34	93	s
Lisbon	24	75	c	Venice	26	79	s
Locarno	25	77	s	Vienna	20	68	f
London	21	70	s	Warsaw	19	66	f
L Angels*	23	73	s	Wash'ton*	32	90	f
Luxembg	22	72	s	Wel'nton	15	59	c
Luxor	35	95	s	Zurich	22	72	s

* denotes figures are latest available

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Germany Dm	3.07	2.87
Greece Dr	235.00	315.00
Hong Kong $	13.65	12.65
Ireland Pt	1.148	1.078
Italy Lira	2300.00	2150.00
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Netherlands Gld	3.45	3.23
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Saunton Sands, Devon, 26C (79F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Carlisle, Cumbria, 0.08 in; highest sunshine: Hayling Island, Hampshire, 12.5 hr

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.1	-	19	66	cloudy
Anglesey	7.7	-	24	75	sunny
Belfast	5.1	-	23	73	sunny
Birmingham	1.4	-	21	70	bright
Blackpool	3.3	-	23	73	cloudy
Bognor Regis	12.0	-	23	73	sunny
Bournemouth	11.6	-	24	75	sunny
Bristol	9.4	-	25	77	sunny
Cardiff	10.7	-	23	73	sunny
Colwyn Bay	4.8	-	24	75	sunny
Cromer	7.9	-	20	68	sunny
Eastbourne	10.7	-	21	70	sunny
Edinburgh	1.6	-	20	68	bright
Exmouth	11.2	-	21	70	sunny
Falmouth	10.8	-	21	70	sunny
Folkestone	10.6	-	22	72	sunny
Glasgow	4.3	-	21	70	bright
Hastings	11.1	-	21	70	sunny
Hunstanton	1.4	-	20	68	cloudy
Jersey	8.7	-	24	75	sunny
Kinloss	9.5	-	22	72	sunny
Minehead	10.1	-	23	73	sunny
Morecambe	3.1	-	22	72	bright
Newcastle	0.1	.04	18	64	rain
Newquay	11.2	-	25	77	sunny
Nottingham	-	-	19	66	cloudy
Penzance	11.7	-	22	72	sunny
Poole	11.5	-	24	75	sunny
Scilly Isles	11.7	-	21	70	sunny
Shanklin	11.6	-	22	72	sunny
St. Ives	11.9	-	21	70	sunny
Stornoway	8.4	-	18	64	sunny
Teignmouth	11.7	-	21	70	sunny
Tenby	11.3	-	20	68	sunny
Tiree	10.4	-	17	63	sunny
Torquay	11.4	-	23	73	sunny
Weymouth	10.7	-	22	72	sunny
Worthing	10.9	-	24	75	sunny

Wednesday's figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 23C (73F): min 6 pm to 6 am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6pm, 56 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 11.3 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,025.4 millibars, falling.
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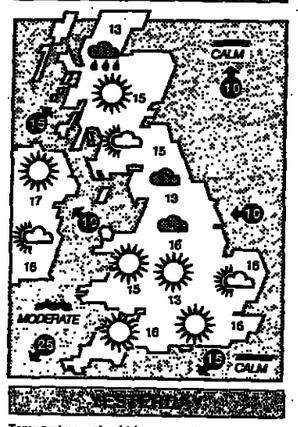

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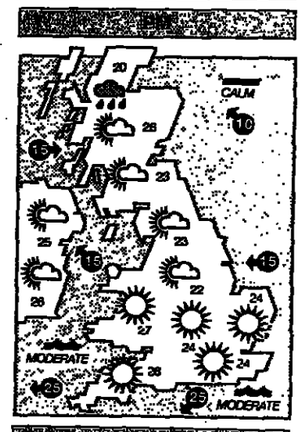

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	23	73	s	Guernsey	19	66	s
B'rmgham	21	70	s	Inverness	21	70	f
Blackpool	23	73	s	Jersey	21	70	s
Bristol	22	72	s	London	21	70	s
Cardiff	22	72	s	M'nchester	22	72	s
Edinburgh	24	75	s	Newcastle	24	75	f
Glasgow	21	70	s	R'nldsway	19	66	s

SUN & MOON

London 7.53 pm to 6.11 am
Bristol 8.02 pm to 5.20 am
Edinburgh 8.14 pm to 6.14 am
Manchester 8.05 pm to 6.15 am
Penzance 8.12 pm to 6.35 am

Sun rises: 6.09 am — Sun sets: 7.53 pm
Moon sets 12.21 pm — Moon rises 9.13 pm
Last quarter September 1

SEA

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 22C (72F): min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.3 hr.

RIVER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 24C (75F); min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 10.3 hr.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.31	6.9	5.37	6.9
Aberdeen	4.39	4.2	5.16	3.8
Avonmouth	10.52	12.4	11.10	12.2
Belfast	2.19	3.5	2.45	3.3
Cardiff	10.37	11.5	10.55	11.3
Devonport	9.29	5.0	9.37	5.0
Dover	2.17	6.4	2.34	6.5
Falmouth	8.59	4.8	9.07	4.8
Glasgow	4.28	4.7	4.48	4.7
Harwich	3.28	3.9	3.37	4.0
Holyhead	1.42	5.5	2.03	5.2
Hull	9.54	7.2	10.19	6.8
Ilfracombe	9.34	8.7	9.54	8.6
King's Lynn	10.00	6.5	10.28	5.9
Leith	6.11	5.4	6.42	5.0

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	2.38	9.2	2.55	8.8
Lowestoft	1.07	2.2	1.07	2.5
Margate	3.32	4.8	3.32	4.7
Milford Haven	9.49	6.5	10.10	6.5
Newquay	8.41	6.6	9.03	6.6
Oban	9.05	3.7	9.33	3.7
Penzance	8.34	5.1	8.42	5.1
Portland	10.37	1.9	10.56	1.9
Portsmouth	2.42	4.5	3.06	4.5
Shoreham	2.34	6.0	2.55	6.0
Southampton	2.12	4.3	2.38	4.4
Swansea	9.48	9.0	10.11	9.0
Tees	7.07	5.2	7.39	4.8
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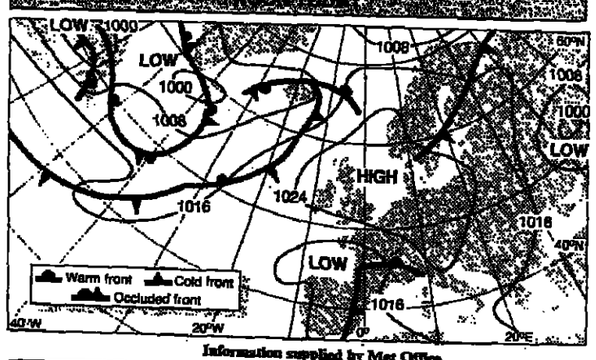

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PROFILE

The law firm of DJ Freeman has 53 partners and 300 staff. But when David Freeman began nearly 40 years ago, he had no clients and was the sole practitioner. He talks to Carol Leonard.

CARD CHARGES

The announcement that NatWest is to charge an annual credit card fee will make choosing plastic more complicated, Lindsay Cook reports

PHONE ENQUIRY

A company offering share information on an expensive telephone line is being investigated by the authorities, Sara McConnell writes.

Price recovers

Shares in Pilkington, Britain's biggest glassmaker, recovered a 6p fall to close all square at 166p, amid speculation that BTR had disposed of its 4 per cent stake. Dealers said only 5.3 million shares changed hands, suggesting that the 31 million shares had been sold outside the market to a single buyer at up to 180p a share. BTR, up 8p at 429p, refused to comment.

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GRE down

Subsidence claims helped push GRE to a half-year loss of £88 million (£38 million loss). The interim dividend was held at 4.4p.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.6880 (–0.0005)
German mark
2.9354 (–0.0051)
Exchange index
90.7 (–0.1)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCKMARKET

FT 30 share
2066.2 (+12.3)
FT-SE 100
2638.2 (+14.0)
New York Dow Jones
3048.75 (–6.48)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
22002.17 (+380.54)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Leigh	324½p (+13p)
Greenall	367½p (+11p)
SG Warburg	502½p (+10p)
WH Smith 'A'	458½p (+12p)
RM Douglas	545p (+30p)
Steetley	374½p (+10p)
MAM	810p (+17p)
Cadbury-Schweppes	401½p (+13p)
Gestetner	182½p (+9p)
Johnson Cleaners	552½p (+8p)
ADT	495p (+15p)
BOC	808p (+8p)
BTR	428½p (+8p)
TI	613½p (+17p)
Weir	398½p (+11p)
FALLS:	
Cap & Counties	39p (–10p)
Barlow Rand	882½p (–20p)
Jardine Math	233p (–10p)
Booker	468½p (–9p)
Friendly Hotels	276p (–9p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank $10^{13}/_{16}$-$10^{3}/_{4}$%
3-month eligible bills: $10^{9}/_{16}$-$10^{5}/_{32}$%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds $5^{7}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.27-5.25%*
30-year bonds $101^{7}/_{16}$-$101^{15}/_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6855	£: $1.6810*
£: DM2.9353	$: DM1.7465*
£: SwFr2.5636	$: SwFr1.5255*
£: FFr9.9656	$: FFr5.9260*
£: Yen230.66	$: Yen136.95*
£: Index:90.7	$: Index:66.4
ECU £0.689229	SDR £0.794833
£: ECU1.430146	£: SDR1.258125

London forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $353.50 pm-$351.25
close $351.50-352.00 (£208.50-209.00)
New York:
Comex $355.75-356.25*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep) ..... $20.05 bbl ($19.95)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 133.8 July (1987=100)

* Denotes midday trading price

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OECD predicts 'modest' recovery for Britain this year

By Colin Narbrough
Economics Correspondent

A TWIN upturn in consumer spending and exports will lead the British economy to a "modest" recovery in the second half of this year, according to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The Paris think-tank's endorsement of the government's forecast that Britain will emerge from recession by the end of 1991 was welcomed by the Treasury, which pointed out that economic indicators issued since the OECD survey was drafted reinforce the case for early recovery.

Support from the OECD follows predictions of slight recovery by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research and the Confederation of British Industry, which, however, anticipate an export- rather than consumer-led upturn. Many analysts still doubt recovery is imminent.

The OECD predicts gross domestic product growing by 0.3 per cent in the second half of 1991 after a 2 per cent fall in real terms in the first half. Growth of 1.9 per cent is forecast for the first half of 1992 and 2.4 per cent for the second. Return to trend growth is not expected until late 1992.

The organisation assumes that tight monetary policy and a rebuilding of balance sheet positions triggered the recession. If this is incorrect, however, and the Gulf war and higher oil prices were to blame, recovery could be stronger. But if the rebuilding of private sector balance sheets proves to be drawn out, recovery could be hesitant, or delayed, it states.

The number of unemployed is expected to continue rising into 1992, possibly stabilising at 2.6 to 2.7 million by mid-year. This would take unemployment from 8.2 per cent this year to 9.6 per cent next.

The OECD says the labour market outlook could be improved if core inflation is brought down faster. Although annual retail price inflation is expected to fall to 4 per cent by the end of 1991, broader indicators of inflation, such as the GDP deflator, may still be showing 5-6 per cent. However, the survey sees this inflation measure slowing to about 4 per cent by end-1992.

The Eighties were marked by the "failure to achieve sustained low inflation", the report says. But in Britain's entry to the European exchange-rate mechanism it identifies a powerful force for lower inflation. "The settings of policy are now consistent with steady disinflation."

ERM entry is seen to have bolstered the credibility of Britain's anti-inflation policy, and the OECD sees signs that attitudes to wage and price-setting are beginning to change for the better. Moving the pound in the narrow ERM bands, without lowering the central rate, would enhance credibility, once underlying inflation is on a steady downward path, it says.

☐ Scotland is likely to have had a shorter and less severe recession than the rest of Britain, according to a government study. After falling in the first two quarters this year, demand in Scotland is expected to rise in the second and third quarters, the Scottish Economic Bulletin study says.

Independent analyst says deficit soaring

Lloyd's loss 'on course for record £1.4bn'

By Jonathan Prynn

LLOYD'S of London will report a loss of up to £1.4 billion for 1989, far higher than earlier forecast, according to latest independent estimates of the troubled insurance market's performance.

The official figure for 1989 will not be known until next summer, owing to Lloyd's three-year accounting period. However, the market is almost certain to record the worst loss in its history as a result of low premium rates, excessive reinsurance, a sequence of catastrophe claims and continuing heavy asbestosis and pollution claims from America.

Latest projections from Chatset, the analysis and forecasting firm that produces the *Lloyd's League Tables*, are indicating a "pure" loss of £1 billion on the 1989 underwriting account, to which must be added losses from earlier years that remain open. Charles Sturge, co-editor of *Lloyd's League Tables*, said these are likely to total between £300 and £400 million, making a total of £1.3 billion to £1.4 billion. If accurate, the figures would mark a massive deterioration on 1988, which saw a pure year profit of £58 million but a total loss of £510 million due to under-reserving and cash calls from earlier open years. Chatset previously forecast a loss of £1 billion for 1989.

At the end of the second year of the three-year 1989 account, the ratio of net claims to net premiums was, at 58 per cent, already 17 per cent worse than the equivalent stage of the 1987 account. At the end of year one, the ratio for 1989 was only 19 per cent.

Chatset said: "The dramatic leap in the second year demonstrates what a ghastly year 1989 is and this trend is likely to continue in the third year." After one year the 1990 account is already ahead of 1989 at the same stage with a net claims to net premium ratio of 23 per cent. However, according to Chatset, the second and third years of the 1990 account will not be as bad as 1989 "but it must produce another loss for the market."

About £340 million of the 1989 losses have been paid in the form of advance cash calls. There have also been a further £114 million of advance cash calls this year for 1990. According to Chatset, if these figures are added to the 1988 loss as well as the £80 million of Federal Income Tax paid by American names, the total cash outflow from Lloyd's this year is £1.05 billion.

A survey of names carried out by Chatset suggests that 38.5 per cent of names paid out more than £50,000 this year, compared with the Lloyd's estimate of 2.1 per cent. In total, Chatset estimates that 85 per cent of names are net losers in 1991 compared with the Lloyd's figure of 70 per cent.

A Lloyd's spokesman accused Chatset of sensationalising the figures. "They are in it to sell as many copies of their book as they can so the more sensational the stories the better," he said. However, he added that he did not dispute that the Chatset figures were drawn from statistics that are publicly available.

☐ Lloyd's has taken steps to prevent loss-making American names from bringing actions in the American courts to recover losses. It has started proceedings in the English Commercial Courts to establish that any disputes with Lloyd's should be settled in English courts.

Brent directors remain silent

By Angela Mackay

A MEETING of Brent Walker's board broke up late yesterday with none of the directors prepared to comment on the decision by Lord Kindersley, chairman, to call in the serious fraud office to investigate alleged irregularities at the leisure and property group.

The SFO removed documents from Brent Walker's offices on Tuesday after the chairman requested an investigation. George Walker, the founder and ousted chairman and chief executive, attended the meeting where Lord Kindersley had been expected to explain his decision to the board.

Immediately after the main board meeting, executive directors attended a finance committee meeting where a decision to release the company's overdue 1990 annual report and accounts was discussed. The London Stock Exchange and Companies House have exerted pressure to have the accounts filed. This is expected next week.

The SFO's investigation is likely to centre on four areas, including Brent Walker's film and property interests. Of these, Goldcrest, sold to Ensign Trust last year, and the Trocadero in Piccadilly Circus, now owned in a joint venture with Power Corp, are believed to be focal points.

After a hiatus of several weeks, Brent Walker's board resumed negotiations on Tuesday night to swap the company's half stake in the Trocadero and the Tower Shopping Centre in Blackpool for a site next to the Trocadero.

Heads of agreement were signed with the Irish group, Power Corp, in April, and at that stage, Robin Power, the company's chairman, said he expected the deal to be concluded in a few weeks. It is believed the final agreement will be presented next week to Brent Walker's 47 bankers and this will clinch the deal.

Brent Walker will then sell the lease for its newly refurbished offices in the Trocadero and move the headquarters elsewhere.

George Walker: meeting

FRANK BRADFORD

Expansion: Brian Stewart, chief executive of S&N, which has bought a package of Stakis's leisure interests

Ladbroke makes £464m cash call

By Colin Campbell

LADBROKE Group, the Hilton hotels to betting chain whose impending rights issue had for days been the talk of the market, yesterday formally announced it is raising £464 million net via a one-for-four rights issue at 220p.

The announcement came with Ladbroke's results for the half year to end-June showing pre-tax profits had fallen from £158.2 million to £98.2 million on turnover of £1.96 billion (£2.03 billion).

The cost of Gulf war disruption that hit all Ladbroke's interests is estimated at £75 million. In the first three months of 1991, Ladbroke made virtually no profits.

Adjustment for a £25.6 million property sale and leaseback, and £5 million of supplemental interest charged for the first time, shows interim pre-tax profits fell from £158.2 million to £77.6 million. The interim dividend rises from 4.68p to 4.92p a share, paid out of net interim earnings of 8.18p (13.07p). Ladbroke suggests this year's final dividend could rise not less than 5 per cent.

Cyril Stein, the chairman, said the rights money would essentially be put behind further development and expansion of the Hilton hotels chain. "Profitable opportunities to invest further in our businesses for the medium-term growth should be actively exploited at this time," Mr Stein said.

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WH Smith to delay sale of YTV stake

By Gillian Bowditch

WH SMITH, the retailing and distribution group, will wait until the uncertainty over television franchises is resolved before marketing its 19.5 per cent stake in Yorkshire Television.

Sir Simon Hornby, the group's chairman, expects the £45 million sale of Smith's other television interests to the Franco-American consortium of Canal Plus and ESPN to be completed soon, despite the European Commission's review of the deal.

Smith made pre-tax profits of £89 million for the year to June 1, an increase of 3.5 per cent and in line with the forecast Smith made when it launched its £148 million rights issue in May. Turnover on continuing businesses rose 9.4 per cent to £1.95 billion and earnings fell 0.3 per cent to 29.8p per share.

The final dividend is 8.5p, making 12.5p for the year, an increase of 8.7 per cent and in line with the company's forecast. There was an extraordinary charge of £13.7 million due to closures and disposals.

The retail side increased sales 9.3 per cent to £1.18 billion and profits 0.2 per cent to £87.8 million.

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S&N pays £22m in Stakis deal

SCOTTISH and Newcastle, the brewing and leisure group, has bought Scottish leisure interests from Stakis for £22 million. Stakis will use the money to reduce group debt.

S&N, where Brian Stewart became chief executive in May, is buying 25 pubs, five off licences, five discos and one steakhouse. The businesses have net assets of £18.8 million and made pre-tax profits of £2.4 million in the year to end-September.

Stakis intends to concentrate on hotels and nursing homes. Sir Lewis Robertson, the chairman, said this was the first of several disposals including the planned rundown of the property portfolio.

Timely $1.7m sale at Salomon

From Philip Robinson
in New York

SALOMON Brothers, the Wall Street investment bank, has tightened internal controls after it emerged that Paul Mozer, sacked chief government securities trader, sold $1.7 million of his Salomon shares just days before the bank's cheating scandal flared up. Mr Mozer is a central figure in the affair, which sent Salomon shares tumbling.

The crackdown will include an internal review by Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, and a new central committee, headed by Lord Young of Graffham the former UK trade secretary, responsible for greater dealing vigilance.

Warren Buffett, Salomon's new chairman, said compliance officers throughout the firm can report directly to Lord Young and "have an obligation to do so where they are not fully satisfied with . . . practices". Coopers & Lybrand will also report directly to Lord Young. Salomon is under investigation by four US government agencies and the New York Stock Exchange after admitting it cheated in at least four auctions of the American treasury bond market and made at least one illegal bid for a client.

The firm's actions are said to have cornered the market in treasury bonds enabling it control prices. Salomon's most senior management who knew of the violations but failed to report them, have resigned over the past ten days. But Mr Mozer sold shares on or around August 9, a week before he was fired and more than three months after it first emerged that a scandal was possible.

Before news of the violations emerged, Salomon shares were trading close to their highest in 12 months at $36 each. Mr Mozer sold 46,000 share for an estimated $1.7 million. Had he sold yesterday with the shares at $24.375, he would have been $600,000 poorer.

The proceeds have already been frozen and Mr Mozer has said he will rescind the deal. Salomon says it will offer rescission to the buyers if Mr Mozer agrees. The bank has reported the trade to the Securities and Exchange Commission, one of the agencies investigating the Salomon affair and the broader allegations of price fixing in the $2,200 million treasury bond market.

In a formal statement, Mr Mozer's lawyers said: "Paul Mozer did not sell these shares in Salomon based on insider information. Mr Mozer sold the shares of Salomon at a time when he was not aware of any plans by the company to make any public announcement. When he learned of the public announcement on August 9, he instructed the company through counsel to reverse or rescind the trades."

Salomon says no other executives who resigned had made similar transactions, but Donald Feuerstein, Salomon's chief legal counsel until he resigned last Friday, sold 5,000 Salomon shares in mid-June, which was reported to the SEC at the time.

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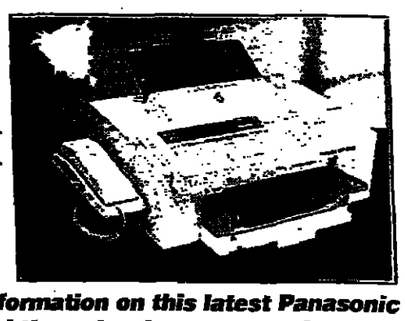

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BREL to cut 450 jobs and curtail relocation

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BREL, the Derby train builder, is to shed 450 jobs in an effort to stem mounting losses. The company has also deferred part of its relocation programme.

Although it has a £1 billion order book, BREL, the former British Rail Engineering company privatised in 1989, relies heavily on sales to British Rail and London Underground, which are under financial pressure despite their urgent need for new rolling stock. BREL also faces growing competition from domestic and overseas train builders for new build and refurbishment work.

When the latest round of job losses are complete, BREL will have cut its workforce by more than 1,600 this year, to 6,900.

John Darby, the chairman, has already forecast a loss, the first since the company was bought by a consortium of Asea Brown Boveri, Trafalgar House, and management and employees.

In the year to end-September 1990, BREL made pre-tax profits of £22.4 million on sales of £318 million.

Under plans announced in December, BREL was to have closed its locomotive works and head office in Derby, shifting the office to its carriage works, also in Derby.

Now, the company is to continue making train wheel sets at the locomotive works. Refurbishment of locomotive engines, however, will be moved to Crewe as expected. The small engines business, which refurbishes diesel engines for lorries, buses and Ministry of Defence Land Rovers, will be moved to a greenfield site at Derby. The head office at St Peter's House will now be retained.

A BREL spokeswoman said relocation would enable the business to develop new markets.

The job losses will affect office and manufacturing workers at Derby and Crewe. The York operations, which have a larger order book of rolling stock for British Rail's Network SouthEast, will be unaffected.

BREL is searching for more work overseas. Recently, it supplied 20 vehicles, based on Network Express units used in Britain, to Thailand in an order worth £12 million.

GEC Alsthom, a joint venture between Alcatel Alsthom of France and General Electric Company of Britain, is mounting a growing challenge for domestic orders, while Bombardier of Canada is also bidding for British Rail work.

Darby: loss forecast

Unity lifts German car makers

SOARING domestic demand after German unification last year led to a rise in net profits at Volkswagen and Daimler-Benz, the country's largest car manufacturers.

Volkswagen domestic sales rose 62 per cent to 716,807 in the first six months, compared with the same period of last year. Net profits only grew from DM428 million to DM433 million, partly because of lower sales abroad.

Daimler-Benz increased net profits from DM840 million to DM880 million in the first half, but this came mainly from a sharply reduced tax bill. Operating profits were down from DM2.41 billion to DM2.09 billion.

ICI expands

ICI is building a £6 million acrylic composites plant at Tamatsukuri, Japan. The factory, with a capacity of 10,000 tonnes per year, will manufacture acrylic composites, used mainly in the fast-growing Japanese market for kitchen and bathroom equipment. Production is expected to begin towards the end of next year and ICI hopes to double Japanese sales of more than £500 million a year.

Same dividend

Barr & Wallace Arnold Trust, the tour operator and motor distributor, has announced interim pre-tax profits of £1.07 (£1.35 million) for the six months to end-June. Earnings per share were 5.5p (6.8p) and the interim dividend is held at 3p.

TI to buy Belfab

TI Group, the diversified engineer, is buying Pacific Scientific Company's Belfab subsidiary, which produces metal bellows and mechanical seals, for $14.2 million.

Trafalgar sells

Trafalgar House has sold the freehold of 35 Basinghall Street, in the City of London, to Wates City of London Properties for £19.25 million.

PETER TREVNOR

Policy success: Brian McGowan, chief executive (left), and Nigel Rudd, chairman

Williams climbs to £76m

By Jonathan Prynn

IMPROVED operating margins have helped Williams Holdings, the DIY to fire protection products conglomerate, lift interim pre-tax profits 26 per cent to £76.5 million (£60.6 million) for the six months to end-June.

Nigel Rudd, the chairman, said: "These results reflect the success of our policy of containing our cost base and maintaining our competitive edge through diligent financial management and focused capital investment." He added that while the American consumer businesses were showing signs of improvement, there was still no tangible evidence of an upturn in Britain. The worst hit division, homes and gardens, which has seen sales tumble by up to 60 per cent in the past two years, fell into losses in the first half.

Yale & Valor, acquired for £330 million in February, turned in trading profits of £11.8 million for the four months, representing a trading margin of 11.1 per cent. Mr Rudd said margins of 15 per cent in the first half of 1992 was "a very, very achievable target".

Fully-diluted earnings per share rose only 0.1p to 10.9p due to the higher number of shares in issue after the acquisition. The interim dividend rises 5 per cent to 5p (4.75p).

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BASF and Hoechst tumble

By Wolfgang Münchau, European business correspondent

BASF, the world's largest chemical group, is threatening to reduce its dependence on Germany because of wage cost pressures and what it sees as an increasingly unfavourable economic climate. The company is concerned about economic developments in the country, where it operates its largest production plant.

The threat follows further evidence of the severe depression facing the chemical industry worldwide, as BASF and Hoechst, its largest international rival, announced sharp falls in first-half profits.

BASF, which with its competitors was criticised by the German government for its lack of enthusiasm for investing in eastern Germany, hit back yesterday: "We are unhappy about the dependence of business on the specific economic situation in Germany, which is supported by high government transfers."

At BASF, pre-tax profits fell 10.6 per cent to DM1.55 billion, while Hoechst dropped 22 per cent to DM1.41 billion. The decline reflects the downturn of the industry's business cycle and was expected, but Hoechst's declaration of no signs of an early recovery indicates the severity of the situation. There had been hopes of an upturn by year-end.

BASF was slightly more optimistic. Second-quarter profits rose 3.3 per cent, helped by good developments in the energy and agri-businesses. But, it said: "Business in chemicals was characterised by stagnation in volumes, and a continued increase in competition meant we were able to increase our product selling prices only in a few sectors.

"At the same time, costs remain high, causing persistent pressure on profit margins." Through recent capacity increases in the bulk chemical industry, demand has fallen short of supply, which in turn has put pressure on prices.

At Hoechst, the situation is worse. The second quarter "had been disappointing" in the light of declining prices. The group said: "In the summer months, there have been no signs of a far-reaching change in the situation."

Recession knocks profit schemes

By Philip Bassett
Industrial editor

PROFIT-sharing schemes are suffering badly from the recession, a study suggests today, with many paying out less to employees than they did a year ago.

A survey by Incomes Data Services, the pay research company, of 32 leading profit-sharing schemes, covering more than 1 million employees, finds that the impact of the recession is reflected in the amount of money companies are allocating to the schemes.

In 60 per cent of the companies surveyed, the payments made in 1991 are clearly down on those made a year ago. IDS says, with the banking and insurance industries particularly affected.

In the Bank of Scotland, for instance, the 15,000 participating employees received payments of 6.14 per cent in 1990. This year they will receive 2.81 per cent. In the Halifax Building Society, 16,500 received 7.5 per cent in 1990, and will receive 2.5 per cent this year. In the John Lewis Partnership, the stores group, 33,000 received 17 per cent last year, and only 12 per cent in 1991. IDS says there will be no profit-sharing payments made at all at some leading companies. But what it describes as the relative unevenness of the recession is demonstrated by the fact that profit-sharing payments in a number of companies, including Abbey National, British Gas, J Sainsbury, Tesco, Cadbury and BT are up.

At Sainsbury's, for instance, the 63,300 participating employees received payments of 9.9 per cent last year, and will receive 10.16 per cent this year. At BT, the flat-rate scheme for more than 200,000 staff gave increases of £159.09 in 1990, and will yield £195.13 this year, and at Cadbury a similarly flat-rate scheme for 3,500 employees will provide profit-sharing rises of £279.60 this year compared with £251.

☐ Boots, the chemist, is registering its profit-related bonus scheme with the Inland Revenue as a profit-related pay (PRP) scheme. The move considerably boosts the number of employees covered by tax-allowance PRP schemes, adding 52,000 employees, to take the total for the three months to June to 353,900, and the number of registered schemes to 1,329.

Slough payout up despite profit fall

By Martin Barrow

SLOUGH Estates, the property group that raised £138 million through a rights issue in April, is lifting its interim dividend from 4.2p a share to 4.4p, despite a 41 per cent decline in profits.

In the six months to end-June, pre-tax profits fell from £32.6 million to £19.1 million. Fully diluted earnings were 5.8p a share, down from 9.2p. The shares fell 8p but recovered to 263p, up 1p

Profits were struck after provisions of £10.9 million against the book value of trading assets in Britain and Australia. In the first half of last year, the company set aside £12.9 million and provisions for the last full year were £63.8 million.

Sir Nigel Mobbs, chairman and chief executive, said he hoped further provisions would not be necessary this year. He said: "You cannot be certain because of the fragile and tricky market."

At the operating level, income from property investment increased from £50.8 million to £53.9 million despite difficult conditions. There was no contribution from property trading, which earned £10.6 million last time.

Gearing, which was reduced from 76 per cent to 56 per cent by the rights issue of convertible preference shares, has fallen to about 40 per cent through the disposal of 1 million sq ft of mature properties in Britain for £46.3 million, which was more than the 1990 year-end valuations.

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Exports boost French growth

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THE French economy bounced back by more than expected in the second quarter, growing 0.8 per cent after a stagnant first quarter, with strong industrial exports fuelling the upturn.

The statistics institute figures compared with market growth forecasts of 0.5 per cent or less. France saw its economy decline by 0.2 per cent in the final quarter of 1990, but has escaped recession, defined as two successive quarters of shrinking output.

Pierre Bérégovoy, the finance minister, said France had outperformed all its leading industrial partners, except Germany, to produce recovery earlier than he had expected. He admitted he was surprised by the "satisfactory" second-quarter performance. He had expected recovery in the autumn.

French growth is forecast to slow to 1.5 per cent for the whole of this year, after 2.8 per cent last year and 4.5 per cent in 1989.

The slowdown in Germany, Europe's economic powerhouse, should ensure the French upturn is subdued.

While manufacturing output rose 1.5 per cent in the second quarter, the sector is still vulnerable, as orders are weak and stocks at high levels.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Grovewood plans £10m rights issue

GROVEWOOD Securities, the property group, is proposing to raise about £10 million through a rights issue, pending agreement with its bankers over the renewal of a 15-month standstill agreement on syndicated debt of £107 million. Talks are taking place between the company and its bankers, which signed the original agreement last October after the £5 million takeover of Priest Marians, a loss-making property company whose main asset was the Langham estate in London's West End. Grovewood shares fell 4p to 20p.

David Holland, chairman of Grovewood, said the company was continuing its legal action against James Capel, the stockbroker, seeking damages of £57 million in connection with the £110 million takeover of Local London by Priest Marians in 1989. Capel, which advised Priest Marians, is contesting the action.

Ferranti in ordnance sale

FERRANTI International, the defence electronics company, has sold the ordnance and manufacturing business of The Marquardt Company to MA Acquisition Corporation of California. Proceeds from the sale were not material to Ferranti, the company said, but it will retain receivables and certain other assets.

Serco rises to £2.48m

PRE-TAX profits at Serco Group, the facilities and project management contractor, rose to £2.48 million (£2.01 million) in the six months to end-June. The interim dividend rises to 4p (3.5p), payable from earnings of 15.3p (12.9p). Richard White, managing director, said all rebids for contracts held were successful.

Bridon profits dive

BRIDON, the wire and wire rope maker, is holding its interim dividend at 2.5p despite a fall in pre-tax profits to £100,000 (£7 million) in the six months to end-June.

Exceptional and extraordinary charges against rationalisation, restructuring and redundancy costs were £3.7 million, leaving a retained loss of £2.3 million (£3.2 million profits). The loss per share was 0.2p (9.4p earnings). John West, the chairman, said the severity of the recession was more pronounced during the first half than in the final months of the previous year. The downturn was global.

Strong back in the black

STRONG & Fisher, the leather group 70.3 per cent owned by Hillsdown Holdings, reported pre-tax profits of £5.23 million (£16.67 million losses) in the six months to end-June and earnings of 2p a share (94.1p losses). There is no interim dividend. In the six months to end-December 1990 pre-tax losses were £7.48 million.

Edmond falls to £856,000

EDMOND Holdings, the housebuilder in Humberside and East Anglia, reported pre-tax profits down to £856,000 (£1.48 million) for the six months to end-June and earnings of 1.19p a share (1.93p). The interim dividend is held at 0.65p. Edmond said it intended to continue its development as an independent company.

Monument advances

HIGHER investment income helped Monument Oil and Gas boost interim profits 20 per cent, despite increased exploration and appraisal activity. In the half year to end-June, net income rose from £3.08 million, restated to include the exploration interests of Nimex Resources, to £3.65 million. Earnings were 0.58p a share (0.55p), after absorbing the impact of a £29 million rights issue in June 1990.

After the the cash call, investment and other income rose from £1.27 million to £2.94 million.

WALL STREET

AMERICAN shares were mixed in mid-morning trading as blue chips retained mild losses but secondary stocks attracted buyers and the broad market was flat.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 13.86 points at 3,041.37.

July personal income and consumption data for America were in line with expectations, and had little impact on shares. Income dipped 0.1 per cent as expected, while consumption rose 0.4 per cent against the 0.5 per cent forecast.

	Aug 29 midday	Aug 28 close		Aug 29 midday	Aug 28 close		Aug 29 midday	Aug 28 close
Abbott Lab	55	54⅞	Enron	65¾	64¼	Oryx Energy	36¼	35⅞
Aetna Life	34⅝	34⅞	Entergy	24⅞	24⅞	Pac Ent	29⅝	29⅞
Allegheny	19	19⅞	Ethyl	25	25	Pac Gas Elec	27⅞	27⅞
Air Prods	63⅝	63⅞	Exxon	59⅝	59⅞	Pac Telesis	43⅝	43⅞
Albertsons	42⅞	42⅞	Fed NMA	61⅞	60⅞	Pacific	47⅞	48
Alcan Al	21	21	Fedd Expre	38⅞	38⅞	Pacificorp	22⅞	22⅞
Alco Stand	34⅞	33⅞	Fst Nortar	25⅞	25⅞	Pall	40⅞	40⅞
Allied Signal	38⅞	39	Fluor	42⅞	42⅞	Paramount	38⅞	39
Alumin CA	69⅞	69⅞	FMC	49⅞	49⅞	Parker-Hanin	28⅞	28⅞
Am Brands	45⅞	46⅞	Ford Motor	51⅞	51⅞	Penney	52	51⅞
Am Cyanmid	66⅞	66⅞	FPL	33	33	Pennzoil	69⅞	69⅞
Am EPC	30⅞	30⅞	Fst Chicago	27⅞	27⅞	Pepsico	33⅞	33⅞
Am General	38⅞	38⅞	Fst Intrstate	34⅞	34⅞	Pfizer	66⅞	66⅞
Am Home	64⅞	64⅞	Fst Union	28⅞	28⅞	Philips Pet	26⅞	26⅞
Am Intl	83⅞	83	Gannett	46⅞	46⅞	Philips Elec	21⅞	21⅞
Am Stores	40⅞	40⅞	GAP	44	43⅞	Phip Morris	74⅞	74⅞
Ampr	22	22⅞	Gen Cinema	22⅞	22⅞	Phips Dodge	71⅞	70
Amer Hosp	68⅞	68⅞	Gen Elec	75⅞	74⅞	Pitney Bow	60⅞	60⅞
Ameritech	62⅞	62⅞	Gen Mills	63⅞	63⅞	Placer Drn	11⅞	11⅞
Amax	27⅞	27⅞	Gen Motors	39	38⅞	PNC Fncl	41⅞	41⅞
Amoco	53⅞	53⅞	Gen RE	60⅞	60⅞	Pinnle Estn	13⅞	13⅞
AMP	54⅞	53⅞	Gen Signal	46⅞	46	Polaroid	25⅞	25⅞
AMR	58⅞	58⅞	Genuine Pts	40⅞	40⅞	PPG Inds	50	50⅞
Anheuser-B	54⅞	54⅞	Georgia-Pac	57⅞	57⅞	Proctr Gamble	83⅞	83
Apple Comp	n/a	54	Gillette	43⅞	43⅞	Price	64⅞	65⅞
Archer-Dan	25	24⅞	Goodrich	44⅞	45⅞	Primerica	33⅞	34⅞
Arkla	17⅞	17⅞	Goodyear	38⅞	38⅞	Pub Service	28⅞	28⅞
Armco	4⅞	4⅞	Grace	37⅞	37⅞	Quaker Oats	60	60⅞
Armstrong	33⅞	33⅞	Greyhound	35⅞	35⅞	Ralston Pur	51⅞	51⅞
Asarco	28⅞	28⅞	Gt Atlantic	39⅞	39⅞	Raychem	32⅞	31
Ashland Oil	30⅞	30⅞	Gt Western	30⅞	30⅞	Raytheon	83⅞	83⅞
AT&T	38⅞	38⅞	GTE	30	30	Reebok	32⅞	32⅞
Atlan Richfld	119⅞	120⅞	Halliblrtn	38⅞	38⅞	Roadway	46	46⅞
Auto DP	34⅞	34⅞	Hertz	44⅞	43	Rockwell	28⅞	28⅞
Avery Denn	23⅞	23⅞	Hercules	41⅞	41⅞	Rohm Hass	47	47⅞
Avon Prod	45⅞	45⅞	Hershey Fd	42	41⅞	Royal Dutch	80⅞	80⅞
Baltimore	31⅞	31⅞	Hewlett Pkd	53⅞	52⅞	Rubbermaid	57⅞	58
Banc One	48⅞	48⅞	Hilton Hd	41⅞	41⅞	Ryder Mit	62⅞	63⅞
Bankamerica	44	45⅞	Home Depot	53⅞	53⅞	Safeco	38	38⅞
Bard	25⅞	25⅞	Homestake	14⅞	15	Safeway	24⅞	25⅞
Barnett Bk	34⅞	34⅞	Honeywell	56⅞	57	Saint Fe Pac	10⅞	9⅞
Baxter Lab	48⅞	48⅞	Houston Ind	37⅞	37⅞	Sara Lee	45⅞	45⅞
Bauscr Intl	38⅞	38	Howtbd Intl	58⅞	58⅞	Schlumberger	73⅞	73⅞
Bec Dickin	69⅞	69⅞	Humana	33⅞	33⅞	Scott Paper	41⅞	41⅞
Bell Atlan	60	60⅞	IBM	98⅞	98⅞	Seagram	115⅞	114⅞
Bellsouth	49	49⅞	IFF	63⅞	63⅞	Sears Rbk	41⅞	41⅞
Ben Hughes	28⅞	28⅞	Illinois TW	64⅞	64	Security Pac	35⅞	35
Block Doctor	28⅞	28⅞	Inco	35	35⅞	Shawmut Nbna	24⅞	24⅞
Boeing	50	50⅞	Ingsrd-Rand	48⅞	48⅞	Skyline	14⅞	14⅞
Boise Casc	27⅞	28⅞	Inland Steel	22⅞	22⅞	Snap-on Tls	32⅞	32⅞
Borden	38⅞	38⅞	Intl Paper	69⅞	68⅞	Southern	27⅞	27⅞
Bstn Edisn	57⅞	57⅞	ITT	60⅞	60⅞	St Paul	64⅞	64⅞
Bristol-Myer	67⅞	67⅞	Jameson Fiver	23⅞	23⅞	Stanley Wk	41	41⅞
Brown-Fer	28⅞	28⅞	Jewel Cos	32⅞	28⅞	Stone Cntr	21⅞	21⅞
Burl Nth	33⅞	34	K Mart	46⅞	46	Sun Co	32⅞	32⅞
CPI	---	8⅞	Kellogg	100⅞	102⅞	Sunst Bk	34⅞	34⅞
Campbell Sr		62⅞	Kerr-McGee	42⅞	42⅞	Super Valu	27	27⅞
Cap Cities		443⅞	Kimbly-Clrk	98⅞	98⅞	Self Bell	55⅞	55
Capital HC		48⅞	Knight-Ridd	55⅞	55⅞	Sysco	46⅞	46
Carolina	47	47⅞	Litty	33⅞	33⅞	Tandem	13	12⅞
Caterpillar	47⅞	49	Litton	59	58⅞	Tandy	28⅞	28⅞
CBS	162⅞	163	Lin Bankshs	73	72⅞	Tele-comm	13⅞	13⅞
Central SW	47⅞	47⅞	Lincln Nat	49⅞	48⅞	Teledyne	50⅞	50⅞
Champion	28⅞	28⅞	Lilco Ind	88⅞	87⅞	Tenneco	40⅞	40⅞
Chase Man	39⅞	39⅞	Lockheed	41⅞	41⅞	Texaco	63⅞	63⅞
Chem Bkng	58⅞	58⅞	Lowe-Pao	44⅞	44⅞	Texas Inst	51⅞	51⅞
Chevron	71⅞	71⅞	Manu Hanov	28⅞	28⅞	Textn Util	37⅞	37⅞
Chrysler	12⅞	12⅞	Marsh&M	17⅞	17⅞	Textron	33⅞	33⅞
Chubb	64⅞	64⅞	Marsh Mclan	70⅞	70⅞	Time Wrnr	83⅞	84⅞
Cigna	42⅞	41⅞	Martin Mar	53⅞	53⅞	Times Mirr	31⅞	32
Citicorp	14⅞	14⅞	Masco	24⅞	24⅞	Timken	28⅞	28⅞
Citrus Lilz	45⅞	44⅞	May Dept	60⅞	60⅞	Torchmark	50⅞	50⅞
Clorox	41⅞	41⅞	Maytag	14⅞	14⅞	Toys R Us	35⅞	35⅞
Comsth Edis	39⅞	39⅞	McDnl Doug	54⅞	54⅞	Transcon	35⅞	36
CNA Fncl	83⅞	85⅞	McDonlds	33	32⅞	Travelers	18⅞	18⅞
Coastal	33⅞	33⅞	McGraw-Hill	54⅞	54⅞	Tribune	46	46⅞
Coca-Cola	66⅞	66⅞	MCI Com	28⅞	28⅞	TRW	49⅞	49⅞
Colgate-Pol	40⅞	40⅞	Mead	34⅞	34⅞	Tyco Lab	41⅞	41⅞
Columb Gas	18	17⅞	Mediamrk	128⅞	129⅞	UAL	139⅞	139⅞
Compaq	38	38⅞	Mellon Bk	33⅞	33⅞	Un Camp	45⅞	45⅞
Compgra	47⅞	47⅞	Melville	48⅞	49⅞	Un Carbide	21⅞	21⅞
Cons Edis	25⅞	25⅞	Merck	127⅞	127⅞	Un Pacific	88⅞	88⅞
Cons NG	41⅞	41⅞	Merl Lynch	42⅞	42	Unilever	80⅞	80⅞
Cons Rail	73	72	Minnesota	87	87⅞	Unisys	n/a	n/a
Cooper Ind	55⅞	55⅞	Mobil	68⅞	68⅞	Unocal	26⅞	26⅞
Corning	71⅞	69⅞	Monsanto	74⅞	74⅞	Upjohn	45	44⅞
CPC Intl	62⅞	62⅞	Moore	25⅞	25⅞	US Life	41⅞	41⅞
Crown Cork	27⅞	27	Morgan JP	56⅞	56	US West	35⅞	36⅞
CSX	51⅞	51	Motorola	68⅞	68⅞	Unsr Gp	12⅞	12⅞
Dana	30⅞	30⅞	Nat Medical	46⅞	46⅞	USF&G	7	7
Dayton-Hud	78⅞	78⅞	Nat Semi	5⅞	5⅞	UST	49⅞	49
Deere	53	53	Nat Service	24⅞	24⅞	USX Mar	32⅞	31⅞
Delta Air	66⅞	66⅞	Navistar	3⅞	3⅞	Utd Tech	48⅞	48⅞
Dekalb	47	46⅞	NCNB	30⅞	30⅞	Utd Telcm	28⅞	28⅞
Detroit Ed	30⅞	30⅞	NCR	107⅞	107⅞	VF	32⅞	33⅞
Digital Eq	53⅞	52⅞	NED Bncp	41⅞	41⅞	Wal-Mart	50	50⅞
Dillard	129⅞	129⅞	Newmnt Min	38	38⅞	Waste Mgmt	38⅞	39
Disney	118⅞	119⅞	Nigr Mawk	16⅞	16⅞	Wells Fargo	76⅞	75⅞
Dominion	46⅞	46⅞	Nike	48⅞	48⅞	Westy Elec	23⅞	23⅞
Donnelley	47⅞	47⅞	NL Indstrs	16	16⅞	Weyerhar	28	27⅞
Dover	38⅞	38⅞	Nordstorm	48⅞	48⅞	Whirlpool	37⅞	37⅞
Dow Chem	64⅞	64⅞	Norflk Sthn	50⅞	50⅞	Woolwrth	31	30⅞
Dow Jones	28⅞	28⅞	Norwest	31⅞	31⅞	Wrigley	62⅞	63⅞
Dresser Ind	20⅞	20⅞	Nthn St Pwr	37⅞	37⅞	Wrnr-Lamb	73⅞	72⅞
Du Pont	48⅞	48⅞	Nthn Telcm	40⅞	40⅞	Xerox	59	58⅞
Duke Pwr	29⅞	30⅞	NY Times	22⅞	22⅞			
Dun Bradst	44⅞	44⅞	Nynex	75⅞	76			
East Kodak	42⅞	44⅞	Ocdtl Petrl	25⅞	24⅞			
Eaton	64⅞	65⅞	Ohio Ed	19⅞	19⅞			
Emerson El	49⅞	50	Oneida Sys	11⅞	10⅞			

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyons	500	90	98	111	2	4½	7½
(*583)	550	46	59	73	6½	16	19
	600	17	31	45	29	37	42
ASDA	80	14	17	18	2	3	4½
(*91)	90	6½	11	12	4½	6	8
	100	2	6	8	11	12	14
Bass	920	84	-	-	7	-	-
(*997)	977	48	-	-	18	-	-
	1026	23	-	-	45	-	-
Boots	390	46	54	65	2	7	8½
(*428)	420	24	33	46	8	18	19
	460	6	14	25	32	38	39
Br Airways	160	24	28	32	3	5½	7½
(*179)	180	9	15	20	9	14	16
	200	3½	8	12	23	27	28
BP	300	54	58	61	1¼	2½	4
(*350)	330	27	34	38	3½	7½	10
	360	8	16	20	16	21	24
Br Steel	110	22	24	25	1	2	2½
(*129)	120	14	15	18	2	5	5½
	130	7	9	13	5	8½	9½
C & W	500	98	106	-	2	6	-
(*588)	550	52	67	85	6	16	20
	600	21	38	56	26	36	41
CU	460	74	88	-	2	5	-
(*524)	500	39	56	65	7	13	18
	550	11	25	36	32	36	41
Courtauld	420	73	82	94	2	5½	9
(*479)	460	39	52	66	8	14	18
	500	16	29	42	25	31	34
GKN	330	53	65	70	2	6	11
(*377)	360	30	43	49	8	14	22
	390	12	27	32	24	29	36
Grand Met	750	93	112	122	2½	11	15
(*826)	800	50	73	87	11	24	30
	850	22	44	60	34	45	51
ICI	1250	137	177	194	11	23	37
(*1348)	1300	95	142	159	21	36	53
	1350	64	110	127	38	57	77
Kingfisher	500	83	97	110	2	6½	9
(*574)	550	40	60	80	11	17	22
	600	14	32	48	34	36	40
Ladbroke	250	35	30	39	5	9	14
(*279)	280	11	20	28	14	18	23
	300	4	12	18	27	30	34
Land Sec	460	68	75	84	1½	4½	6½
(*520)	500	35	43	56	6	13	16
	550	8	17	28	33	40	42
M & S	260	36	41	49	1½	4½	5½
(*288)	280	19	26	36	5½	9	11
	300	8	14	23	13	19	21
Sainsbury	326	42	48	-	1½	4	-
(*361)	356	18	28	-	9	13	-
	386	5½	13	-	29	31	-
Shell	460	75	80	85	2	4	6½
(*530)	500	40	50	54	5	12	16
	550	7	22	26	31	35	40
Smkl Beech	750	63	87	105	8½	19	24
(*789)	800	32	54	75	28	38	43
	850	11	32	50	62	67	66
Storehse	100	15	18	20	1½	4½	6
(*111)	110	7	10½	14	5½	8½	10
	120	3	6½	9½	12	15	16
Trafalgar	211	44	48	-	2	7	-
(*247)	231	27	30	-	6	13	-
	251	15	22	-	14	24	-
Ultramar	240	45	52	55	2½	3½	6
(*283)	260	25	36	38	4½	7	10½
	280	13	23	28	11	14	20½
Unilever	650	120	-	-	2	-	-
(*756)	700	72	87	-	5	12	-
	750	34	51	65	18	28	32
	800	11	28	40	49	55	60
Utd Bisc	360	44	51	58	2	6	10
(*397)	390	20	30	38	12	17	22
	420	6	15	23	30	32	36
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA	390	54	62	-	5	10	-
(*429)	420	32	42	50	14	19	22
	460	9	21	32	37	42	44
BAT Ind	600	99	-	-	2½	-	-
(*693)	650	56	77	85	11	18	23
	700	25	47	57	33	37	43
	750	9½	25	35	71	74	75
BTR	390	42	54	60	6½	10½	15
(*426)	420	22	35	40	17	23	27
	460	5	17	24	44	46	48
Br Aero	550	35	54	61	19	26	35
(*565)	600	14	31	38	49	53	62
	650	4½	15	-	92	94	-
Br Telecm	360	43	49	58	4½	8	10½
(*391)	390	22	29	39	13	18	21
	420	8	16	24	30	34	36
Cadbury	360	52	63	67	3½	6½	10
(*401)	390	30	41	46	13	16	22
	420	15	25	31	29	32	36
Guinness	900	117	142	-	6½	11	-
(*999)	950	77	105	117	17	25	32
	1000	45	73	87	36	43	50
GEC	180	18½	22	27	3	5½	7
(*193)	200	6½	10½	16	11	14	16
	220	2½	4½	8	29	30	31
Hanson	200	25½	29	30	2	6	7½
(*217)	220	10	14	18½	8	14	16
	240	3	6	10	23	30	29½
LASMO	300	37	48	52	6	10½	14
(*324)	330	17	29	34	20	22	26
	360	7½	16

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Serco rises to £2.48m

PRE-TAX profits at Serco Group, the facilities and project management contractor, rose to £2.48 million (£2.01 million) in the six months to end-June. The interim dividend rises to 4p (3.5p), payable from earnings of 15.3p (12.9p). Richard White, managing director, said all rebids for contracts held were successful.

fits dive

rope maker, is holding its te a fall in pre-tax profits to months to end-June.

y charges against rationalisa- mney costs were £3.7 million, million (£3.2 million profits, 4p earnings). John West, the of the recession was more f than in the final months of m was global.

Edmond falls to £856,000

EDMOND Holdings, the housebuilder in Humberside and East Anglia, reported pre-tax profits down to £856,000 (£1.48 million) for the six months to end-June and earnings of 1.19p a share (1.93p). The interim dividend is held at 0.65p. Edmond said it intended to continue its development as an independent company.

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helped Monument Oil and per cent, despite increased ity. In the half year to end- 8 million, restated to include ies Resources, to £3.65 mil- (0.55p), after absorbing the sue in June 1991.

ment and other income rose ion.

REET

July personal income and onsumption data for Amer- a were in line with expecta- ions, and had little impact on hares. Income dipped 0.1 per ent as expected, while onsumption rose 0.4 per cent gainst the 0.5 per cent ected.

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Soviets picking up the pieces

COMMENT

Yesterday's news that the Russian Federation and the Ukraine have agreed on the need for a joint Soviet administration to run the economy, one that would be open to all 15 republics, is a hopeful sign that the increasingly independence-minded republics want to avoid economic balkanisation.

There are good economic arguments to support a degree of central control over monetary, trade and fiscal policy. All republics are facing severe economic difficulties. None of them; including the mighty Russian Federation, is even close to economic self-sufficiency, least of all the Baltics, politically the most, but economically among the least, independent of all the republics. About 95 per cent of their trade is with the rest of the Soviet Union, and this "foreign" trade accounts for 60 per cent of their output.

The question, which needs to be addressed with some urgency, is what form of economic union to adopt. Some favour a loose free-trade area, comparable to EFTA, under which each republic is economically sovereign and responsible for its own currency but with open and unrestricted trade.

The alternative would be a more integrated system, which would retain the essential elements of macro-economic policy at the centre. Politically, the latter might sound unfashionable when there is a clear drift towards independence. There is, however, a case for a Soviet-style economic and monetary union.

The retention of inter-republican trade, necessary to avert an immediate economic collapse, might not be consistent with sovereignty over macro-economic policy.

Wealth transfers through fiscal policy have been an integral part of Soviet economic life and an essential pillar of trade.

Trade between the republics has fallen sharply this year and this has exacerbated supply shortages and lengthened food queues. The removal of central fiscal policy as a tool of overall economic policy would erode the ability of many republics to import vital supplies from their neighbours.

In western Europe, the need for a single currency, or the exchange-rate mechanism, has arisen in response to growing trade relationships. In relative terms, trade relations between the Soviet republics are much deeper than those between western European countries.

Furthermore, there is no indication that a Ukranian central bank would run a more efficient monetary policy than a Soviet central bank, one that is committed to currency convertibility.

It has taken 70 years to set up the present heavily intertwined structure of the Soviet economy. As events throughout eastern Europe have shown, it takes only days to overthrow a political system, but years to reform a rundown, centrally planned economy.

Economically, the Soviet republics will depend heavily on each for many years to come.

More leaks

If the London Stock Exchange is the policeman of equity markets and the guardian of the investing public, then it should blow its whistle. Twice in less than a week, well-founded rumours of impending rights issues have been common gossip well before their formal announcement.

The first leak was P&O before its £604 million issue. Yesterday, Ladbroke Group called for £464 million. The only surprises in both cases were the amounts.

The stock exchange yesterday trotted out its formal line that it will always look at heavy trading and/or price-sensitive announcements, but declined comment on any specific company. The time for the policeman to patrol his beat has come.

Meanwhile, Ladbroke's one-for-four issue at 220p has gone down well and sub-underwriting was over-subscribed within hours of the announcement.

But Ladbroke's interim results showing first-time losses within its property division, and the hard-going by its hotel and racing interests because of the disruption caused by the Gulf war, has inevitably lowered year-end profit hopes.

Texas Homecare performed well in a depressed market, but property is likely to remain a headache. Ladbroke looks set for its first-ever profits setback when results for the full 1991 year are ruled off. After £305.6 million pre-tax earned in 1990, best estimates for 1991 are for about £228 million. Profits could advance to £305 million pre-tax in 1992. There is, however, the prospect of a further rise in the final dividend to keep investors sweet.

The shares yesterday traded at 279p, an increase of 5p, and on the ex-rights price of 263p, sell for 15 times prospective 1991 earnings, and 12.6 times 1992 expectations.

The bulk of the rights money is earmarked for Ladbroke's hotel chain.

The exposure to property still worries analysts, though at least Ladbroke has broken new ground by giving for the first time a half-yearly divisional profit and turnover breakdown.

Ladbroke called twice for rights money in 1987, raising £294 million in March, and, specifically to help fund the purchase of Hilton, £254 million seven months later.

Ironically, the second call of 1987 was made in October on Black Monday. The 1991 issue deserves better luck.

Industrial developers will lead property's turnround

Slough Estates' 41% fall in profits prompts Judith Huntley to assess the property sector

Looking to improve: Slough's Sir Nigel Mobbs.

INVESTORS looking for a contra-cyclical property play are putting their money into the industrial development companies. Shares in Brixton Estate, Percy Bilton, Slough Estates and other industrial developers have outperformed the sector by 31 per cent so far this year. Slough held its share price yesterday, despite a 41 per cent slump in interim pre-tax profits.

The reasons are not hard to find. The industrial property market is not plagued by the oversupply problems which exist in both the central London office market and the business space sector in the Southeast. Capital values for industrial property have only fallen 6 per cent over the year, compared with a hefty 24 per cent for offices and 10.6 per cent for retail, according to Richard Ellis, the surveyors.

Indeed, in the last three months, industrial property has shown a 2.6 per cent rise in value. Yields on industrial properties are now beginning to fall slightly, having risen, along with the rest of the market, as investors feared for the prospects of rental growth in a recession.

Sir Nigel Mobbs, the Slough chairman and chief executive, pointed to industrial in his interim trading statement as an area that could lead the sector out of its slump.

Industrial property is in demand from investors who can see that rental growth in the sector compares very favourably with falling growth for offices and retail space. Over the last three years, industrial rents have risen 51 per cent. The rate of rental growth has slowed considerably as demand was hit by the recession — but at least there is still some growth.

Once demand picks up, the industrial property market will respond quickly in rental growth as long as the present supply situation remains.

At the height of the property boom, developers were busy turning industrial sites into more lucrative business space, a move allowed by the 1987 change in the Use Classes Order. Land prices rose to such a degree that it was no longer economic to develop industrial "sheds". The consequence was a shortage and the hike in industrial rents.

The danger is that developers may be tempted into the market, spurred on by land prices that have fallen to only a third of their peaks and by the prospects of rental growth in the near term. UBS Phillips & Drew has given warning that share prices among the industrial developers could look vulnerable if the prospects for rental growth are affected by a significant increase in the supply of industrial space.

	Central London offices (%)	Retail (%)	Industrial (%)	Other (%)
British Land	45	35	7	13
Brixton Estate	21	–	55	24
Capital & Counties	20	70	–	10
Great Portland	75	10	–	15
Greycoat	89	–	–	11
Hammerson	24	20	–	56
Land Securities	53	34	3	10
MEPC	32	15	8	45
Percy Bilton	–	–	85	15
Slough Estates	6	–	80	14
Wates City	100	–	–	–

Investors should note the Phillips & Drew caution that, historically, there is a closer relationship between the Property Sector Price-Relative and change in rental values year-on-year than between the Sector Relative and year-on-year change in property values.

Those seeking other contra-cyclical opportunities in the quoted property sector could find them hard to come by. British Land's foray into the food retailing sector is seen as a shrewd move. The company now has about 35 per cent of its portfolio in retail property. British Land has been buying superstores from the top food retailers at what appear to be near double figure yields offering relatively secure rental income. Such property, however, is even harder to value than the rest. There is no established "institutional" investment market and food stores vie with each other for locational advantage.

The majority of the quoted property sector is exposed to the central London office market, as the table from Salomon Brothers shows. The vacancy rate in the City of London is 21 per cent overall, with the fringes seeing 33 per cent. The West End has more than 10 per cent of its space vacant.

Falling interest rates may help yields stabilise, but rental growth in the central London office market is a very dim prospect. Investors seem undeterred by this, and Land Securities and MEPC, the sector leaders, are benefiting from a rising stock market. The average discount to net asset value on property shares has narrowed to 25 per cent.

Institutions are mostly confining their purchases to FT-SE 100 stocks that offer some liquidity. There may be contra-cyclical plays among smaller property companies but investors are not ready to risk being locked into illiquid stocks, even if they stand at a large discount to net asset value.

The absence of any real property investment market makes valuation exceedingly difficult. It is hard for property share investors to know if there will be further falls in net asset values and if recent writedowns on development properties reflect the bottom of the market.

If the pundits are correct in highlighting provincial offices and secondary shops as the best buys for an upturn in values and rents, then investors might be tempted to buy buildings not property shares.

Nothing stationary at Smith

TEMPUS

THE £148 million raised by WH Smith in its May rights issue is not burning a hole in the corporate pocket. Debt, bar the £38 million convertible bond, has been eliminated and the loss-making travel and television interests have been sold.

Growth will be largely organic and capital expenditure this year will be in line with last year's £70 million.

But growth there will be. The elimination of £10 million of losses from discontinued business and the reduction in the interest charge mean the group should easily achieve the £120 million pre-tax profit Goldman Sachs is forecasting for this year. Add to that 38 new WH Smiths and 70,000 sq ft of space from the former travel business and double digit earnings growth is not impossible.

There were no surprises in yesterday's numbers, forecast at the time of the rights issue. Pre-tax profits edged 3.5 per cent ahead to £89 million. Excluding discontinued business and Do It All, which formed a joint venture with Boots' Payless, turnover rose 9.4 per cent to £1.95 billion and earnings slipped 0.3 per cent to 29.8p per share.

The shares, up 4p at 451p, compare with a rights price of 300p and are on a ratio of 14.7 times earnings. The group is well placed for the upturn and the shares are worth holding.

Williams

THE downturn will bring considerable benefits in the medium to long term for well run companies like Williams Holdings that saw the recession coming early. The firm has been cutting costs since late 1989 and has continued with its heavy capital spending programme. The result is a 26 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits, a marginal improvement in earnings per share and operating margins up from 15.5 to 17 per cent in what is probably the toughest half year of this recession.

Yale & Valor, the group's most recent purchase, is still under the direct control of the "special operations" team, which does not expect to have finished its task before Christmas. No major acquisition this year, then, as the Rudd squad does not undertake more than one project at a time. The balance sheet, 30 per cent geared, could easily take another deal, but an American acquisition would throw up ACT problems, while in the UK prices look unattractive.

Forecast full-year profits of about £170 million would create earnings per share of 23p, putting the shares on a multiple of 15 times prospective earnings. A small premium to the market, but given Williams' excellent postioning for the upturn, shares should be bought at current levels.

GRE

THE City has decided the trough of the insurance cycle is behind us at last. That is the only explanation for the sharp rise in the composite insurers' share prices in spite of their horrible interim figures.

Guardian Royal Exchange is the latest to benefit from the surge in confidence. Its half-year loss of £88 million was £50 million worse than last time, but marginally better than expected. The shares dutifully rose 13p to 194p.

The insurance market is indeed showing signs of improvement. GRE had a substantially better second quarter than the first.

GRE has imposed big premium increases to counter the £180 million underwriting loss in Britain. In private motor, one of the worst loss-makers, rates have risen 28 per cent in the past year, with another rise due in October.

These new rates will reduce GRE's losses, but any improvement will be slow. Losses may reach £130 million for the year, although 1992 should see a return to the black of possibly £25 million.

GRE's interim dividend is held at 4.4p and the total will almost certainly remain 11.9p. This puts the shares on a yield of 8.2 per cent. The prospects for further gains are limited until GRE provides firmer evidence of a recovery.

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE

RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR

Summary of Estimated Results for the half year ended 30th June 1991

	First 6 months 1991 unaudited £m	First 6 months 1990* unaudited £m
Premiums – short-term business	1218.1	1098.6
Investment income	148.2	148.5
Underwriting results – short-term business	(248.7)	(200.1)
long-term business	12.6	13.8
Loss before taxation	(87.9)	(37.8)
Taxation and minorities	8.1	(2.5)
Loss attributable to shareholders	(96.0)	(35.3)
Loss per share	(11.1)p	(4.1)p
Dividend per share	4.4p	4.4p
Shareholders' funds	£1,013.1m	£1,450.1m

The Interim Statement 1991 is being posted to ordinary shareholders and an Interim Statement for Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group is being posted to preference shareholders and unsecured loan stockholders of Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance plc.

Ordinary shareholders will have the opportunity to take fully paid ordinary shares in the company in lieu of cash for the interim dividend payable on 6th January 1992.

*The comparative figures for the first 6 months 1990 exclude those relating to the two Italian general insurance companies in which the Group relinquished its interest in December 1990 for a nominal consideration with no attaching run off liabilities to the Group.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Horseman Ward dies

BARNIE Ward, for more than 30 years a senior private client stockbroker at Vickers da Costa and, more recently, senior partner of EF Matthews, now a subsidiary of Garrard Vivian Gray, died yesterday. Ward, aged 70, suffered a heart attack while attending a monthly meeting for Vivian Gray's associate directors at its High Holborn offices. "He had just moved from our Colchester office to our Ipswich office," a spokesman for Vivian Gray said. "He was enormously experienced and had a tremendous following as a stockbroker. He was also enormously popular locally — he rode out every morning of his life, he loved point to pointing and hunting. and he held equestrian events on his Suffolk estate." Ward was also renowned for invariably wearing red socks to client meetings and for arriving at the office mid-morning, after his morning ride. "He came in when the spirit moved him," says my Vivian Gray source. His son, Max, also works in the Square Mile, as a fund manager with Baillie Gifford.

Dawn yawn

COMPANIES will go to almost any length to improve their image these days. Robert Fox and David Wilkinson, respectively chairman and joint managing director of Richmond Oil & Gas, were at their office in Dallas, Texas, from 5am local time — 11am in London — to field reporters' questions about the company's latest set of gloomy results. "We are a British company and we believe we should be available to suit London requirements," gushes Wilkinson. Their newfound attentiveness, however, probably has far more to do with the collapse in Richmond shares from 141p to 16p in less than 12 months. The company recently appointed Walter Judd, the public relations firm, to spruce up its corporate image and the early start to the day was the idea of Jamie Judd. Wilkinson was uncertain as to Judd's whereabouts as dawn broke. "Perhaps we should give him a call," he bemoaned, between stifled yawns.

"I'd like to back the rights issue"

Hong Kong bound

GULU Lalvani, the multi-millionaire Asian businessman, who, as well as running Binatone, the consumer electronics firm, is also Alan Sugar's mentor — it was he who once gave Sugar £100, enabling him to do his first deal — has finally decided to leave the UK. Lalvani, who keeps a much lower profile than his protégé, is moving to Hong Kong, where he claims that there are unrivalled business opportunities. He has found himself a penthouse apartment atop the Grand Hyatt Hotel, believed to be the highest residential abode on Hong Kong island. His erstwhile London home, in Chester Square, is on the market. The asking price is £2.35 million, which should be of considerable interest to his neighbours, Sir Denis and Margaret Thatcher.

UPON learning about Tiny Rowland's temporary promotion within Lonrho, a Birmingham reader writes to say that it reminded him of that old Guinness advertising slogan: "One Can Do What Du Cann Do."

CAROL LEONARD

STOCK MARKET

City searches for signs of Pilkington deal

TAKEOVER favourite **Pilkington** became the focus of City attention amid intense speculation that **BTR** had disposed of its 4 per cent stake in the company.

Shares in Pilkington recovered an early 6p fall, ending all square at 166p. Puzzled dealers could find little evidence on their computerised trading screens to suggest that the deal had been completed, however, with only 5.3 million shares changing hands.

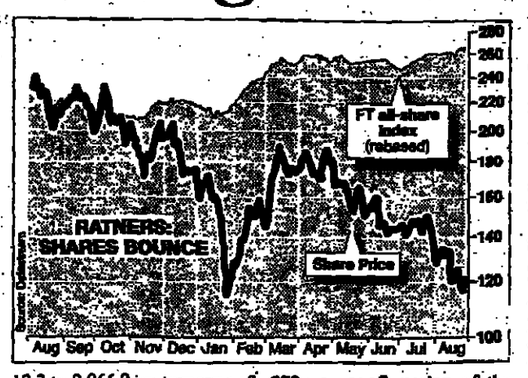
The big broking houses that normally specialise in bought deals, such as Smith New Court and Warburg Securities, denied all knowledge of a deal. Even Cazenove, which acts for both Pilkington and BTR, is said to have been unaware of any transaction.

This led to claims that the 31 million shares had been sold outside the market at a price between 160p and 180p a share. **RTZ**, up 6p at 595p, **Nippon Glass** and **St Gobain**, the French glassmaker, have all been tipped as likely buyers.

Speculation about the sale of the stake rose after BTR paid £197 million last week for Rockware, the glassmaker. BTR, up 8p at 429p, said other acquisitions were planned and the market hoped it would eventually make another offer for Pilkington after the failure of its first assault in 1986. BTR refused to comment last night.

The rest of the equity market benefited from the tail end of a £200 million programme trade believed to have been carried out over two days by County NatWest WoodMac, the broker. Fund managers still hoping to satisfy buying orders forced market-makers on the defensive and pushed prices higher.

The FT-SE 100 index finished just below its best of the day with a rise of 14.0 at 2,638.2 after a cautious start to trading on Wall Street. The FT Index of 30 shares also rose 12.3 to 2,066.2 on turnover of 428 million.



Government securities continued to attract support, despite worries about a new tap stock being issued. Prices at the longer end rose £½.

Leading shares were squeezed higher with gains for **Glaxo**. 26p up at £13.67, **Rothmans International B** 13p at £11.03 and **BOC Group** 8p at 606p. **Ladbroke** rose 4p to 278p on confirmation of the widely anticipated rights issue. The group plans to raise £464 million by way of a one-for-four at 220p.

Bass, the drinks and leisure group that includes the Coral bookmaking chain, also advanced 7p to 992p. Earlier this week, Goldman Sachs, the New York securities house, recommended the shares, pointing out that the group no longer needed to make disposals. At one stage, Bass had considered selling Coral.

The market is now looking for other companies with figures due soon, which are likely to be asking shareholders for more money. **British Aerospace**, reporting next month, fell 11p to 565p.

Bid hopes boosted **Cadbury Schweppes** 11p to 400p with Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, the broker, believed to be bidding for stock. There has been revived talk that Cadbury could soon find itself the target of a bid by Philip Morris, the American tobacco and food group, which has already announced plans to expand in Europe.

In recent weeks, the speculators have been trying to assess the most likely target for the Americans. **Allied-Lyons** was seen as another potential suitor but, earlier this week, the shares suffered a setback as the speculation showed signs of boiling over. Yesterday they rallied 6p to 583p.

Ratners, the jeweller, recovered some of its poise, rising 4p to 120p, after hitting a new low earlier in the week. Interim figures due next month are expected to make gloomy reading. City analysts are forecasting a loss of about £15 million, compared with a profit for the corresponding period of £9.3 million. For the full year, which includes the important Christmas trading period, profits are estimated at between £85 million and £90 million, against £110 million last time.

Guardian Royal Exchange jumped 14p to 195p, despite reporting "unacceptable" interim losses of £88 million (£38 million loss). **General Accident** rose 15p to 551p, on a recommendation from Kleinwort Benson, the broker. **Commercial Union** was 7p better at 524p and **Sun Alliance** was up 11p at 369p.

MICHAEL CLARK

FTSE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	3,523	Cadbury	3,028	Lonrho	564	Royal Bank	1,537
Allied-Lyons	1,107	CU	959	Lucas	471	Royal Ins	1,185
Anglian	1,310	Courtaulds	1,238	M&S	2,748	Sainsbury	1,712
ASDA	3,974	Enterprise	395	Maxwell Cmt	86	Scot & N	590
AB Foods	290	Eurotunnel	580	MEPC	237	Scot Power	5,231
Argyll	1,187	Fisons	1,174	Midland	1,084	Sears	827
Arjo Wigg	1,106	Forte	1,586	Natl Power	9,219	Severn Trnt	1,214
BAA	1,240	Gen Acc	775	Natl West	930	Shell	1,611
BET	1,072	GEC	4,835	N W Water	439	Smith & N	1,388
BTR	8,912	Glaxo	1,231	P&O	617	SK Beech	902
BAT	8,151	Grand Met	824	Pearson	208	Sun Alliance	3,924
Barclays	1,421	GUS 'A'	436	Pilkington	5,398	Tarmac	1,866
Bass	859	GRE	8,742	PowerGen	6,330	Tate Lyle	1,045
BOC	1,498	Guinness	1,609	Prudential	1,519	TSB	1,848
Bt Scotland	512	Hanson	3,813	Racal	3,623	Tesco	3,323
Blue Circle	3,081	Hawker	151	Rank	186	Thames Wtr	1,527
BOC	612	Hillsdown	1,176	R&C	401	Thorn EMI	818
Boots	640	ICI	831	Redland	609	Trafalgar	983
Br Aero	1,951	Inchcape	688	Reed	2,010	Ultramar	1,844
Br Airways	534	Kingfisher	1,502	Rentokil	102	Unilever	548
Br Gas	3,353	Legal & Gen	815	Reuters	715	United Bis	1,158
Br Petrol	6,494	Ladbroke	8,290	RMC Gp	343	Wellcome	417
Br Steel	5,854	Land Sec	518	RTZ	1,054	Whitbrd	407
Br Telecom	3,848	LAS	1,121	R-Royce	5,838	Williams	3,803
C&W	1,410	Lloyds	1,075	Rothmans 'B'	372	Willis Cor	1,589

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Smlr (100p)	121	+1
Aberforth Split (100p)	103	
Akbrask Leis	37	–1
Alliance Res	20	
Capital Ventures	110	
Claremont Grds (175p)	192	–1
Cobra-Optical (100p)	108	
County Smlr Inv	96	
Culver Hldgs (4p)	5½	
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	100	
EPM Inc Tst (85p)	87	
East Germany Inv (100p)	120	
Elonbrook	88	
Eurocamp (225p)	243	–2
Fleming Emerg Mkt	98½	+½
Gartmore Inc (100p)	109	
Gartmore Cap (100p)	94	+1
Geared Inc (100p)	109	
Greencore	233	
Headline Book (100p)	129	
Lowndes-Lambert (200p)	323	+1
Manchester Utd (85p)	277	+8
Mirror Group (125p)	103	
Woongalla Smlr Cos (100p)	108	–3
Orbis Gold	135	–06
Singleton of Comm	47	
Sterling Tst	45	

RIGHTS ISSUES

Allied Holograph N/P	9	–2
Beaverco N/P	1¼	
Benson Gp N/P	1½	
Bisnec Ind N/P	25	+1
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Do Acc	81.46	85.38	+0.31	5.14
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Do Acc	104.1	110.8	+0.05	0.01
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EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 020265				
Amer	89.63	95.13	-0.20	1.15
Capit	128.4	134.3	+0.5	2.28
Convertible	93.90	94.54c	-0.07	7.95
Extra Inc	32.88	35.15	+0.28	5.14
Exempt Mngd	149.1	154.7		3.72
Growth/Inc	208.4	219.2⊕	+1.3	4.80
High Dist	149.2	159.5	+0.7	6.88
Intl	273.0	292.1⊕	+1.5	1.92
Pacific	61.45	65.60	+0.14	0.22
Smlr Jap Cos	36.37	38.84	-0.33	1.04
Tokyo	60.00	63.76	-0.06	0.00
	162.9	172.5c	+1.6	0.00
Ex Alpha 2	157.0	171.8	..	1.46
Ex Jap 3	109.4	109.3	..	0.06
Ex Stsh Jap 4	304.8	318.7	-18.2	0.06
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Beth Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577855				
Gilt/Inv	58.17	61.58	-0.47	1.37
Japanese	48.08	53.16c	+0.48	0.00
UK Balan Inc	100.6	107.0	+0.3	3.98
Do Acc	113.6	120.8	+0.3	3.98
UK Gth Accum	167.0	177.7	+0.1	2.02
UK Hi Inc	119.9	127.5	..	5.48
UK Hi Inc Acc	238.8	257.0	-0.1	5.48
N Amer Acc	82.76	88.09⊕	+0.06	1.04
Euro Acc	107.8	114.8⊕	+0.6	0.34
UK Prefr/Fin Inc	60.21	58.60	+0.20	6.20
Do Acc	76.13	83.93	+0.20	6.20
Intl Sp S Acc	41.01	43.69c	+0.19	0.85
Emerald Opp	68.76	60.42	+0.28	1.35
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 41, Hardington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7261				
Endurance	148.4	157.8	+0.3	1.98
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 481400				
Eqtble Pelican	106.5	112.1	+0.46	4.99
High Inc	112.4	118.3	+0.83	5.95
T Of Inv Tr	111.8	117.8⊕	+0.63	3.15
Spec Sits	88.45	104.6c	+0.50	4.24
N Am	80.01	84.22c	+0.74	1.00
Far East	168.6	178.6	+1.01	1.57
Intl Gth	75.76	79.74	+0.30	2.06
Euro	67.17	60.18	+0.30	1.83
Smlr Cos	64.23	57.08	-0.12	4.16
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1BD Tel: 0203 553251				
UK Gth Accum	208.5	225.7	+1.1	3.33
Do Inc	207.9	214.8	+0.9	3.33
Higher Inc Acc	470.8	500.9	+1.5	4.73
Do Inc	311.7	331.7	+0.9	4.73
Gilt/Fixd Acc	139.6	148.6c	+0.5	8.62
Do Inc	92.04	97.97c	+0.03	8.62
N America	165.6	182.2	+1.3	0.00
Far East	218.2	232.2	+0.6	0.27
Europe	208.2	216.2	+0.7	0.03
Capital	377.2	398.0	+1.4	3.28
Gsnt Acc	384.2	408.6	+1.4	3.28
Sr Excellence	55.15	58.74	+0.23	3.17
Sr Fdnlls Inc	69.13	62.91	+0.13	5.66
Do Acc	65.42	70.88	+0.16	5.66
Global Opp	58.68	60.46	+0.16	0.19
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
American	168.8	178.4	+0.4	0.00
Cash Unit	131.75	⊕	+0.05	11.28
European	97.13	104.0	+0.60	0.00
Global	120.8	128.2	+0.6	0.91
Inc Plus	105.4	113.1c	+0.3	7.20
UK Gth	53.28	57.09⊕	+0.19	0.00
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse Primrose Street London EC2A 2NY Tel: 071-628 8000				
Equity Income	78.69	84.04⊕	+0.55	4.00
Far East	112.3	120.0		0.00
Gyness Income	68.76	73.26	-0.12	3.29
UK Growth	69.98	74.64	+0.28	1.71
Nat Res Fund	134.4	143.9	+0.12	5.01
US Smlr Cos	136.0	146.7	+0.6	0.00
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3FT Tel: 071-374 4100				
Am Smlr Cos	294.3	319.4⊕	+0.4	..
Capital Inc	300.6	320.3⊕	+0.4	..
Do Acc	324.4	259.9	+1.8	2.21
Cont Smlr Inc	323.6	344.2	+2.4	3.21
Cont Smlr Acc	40.83	43.61	+0.09	0.27
Conv Inc	41.87	44.54	+0.09	0.27
Conv Inc	163.7	109.9	+0.2	7.35
Euro Inc	175.2	186.6	+0.4	7.35
Euro Acc	89.05	94.98	+0.52	0.52
Extra Inc	91.46	97.58	+0.54	0.52
Extra Acc	248.9	265.6⊕	+0.6	5.57
Financial Acc	359.4	382.3⊕	+0.9	5.57
Financial Inc	84.15	89.78	+0.08	0.95
Gold Inc	62.00	66.23	+0.09	0.00
Inc Trust	165.6	176.1	+0.4	5.38
Do Acc	211.6	225.0	+0.5	5.38
Intl Gth	247.3	263.0	+0.5	..
Intl Gth	275.3	295.1	+1.0	..
Jap & Gen Inc	139.6	143.3	+0.3	..
Do Acc	134.9	144.7	+0.2	..
Managed Port Inc	77.71	81.57	+0.22	1.82
Do Acc	77.57	81.96	+0.24	1.82
Monthly Inc	125.0	132.9⊕	+0.2	5.68
Recov	207.3	225.1⊕	-0.2	1.26
Do Acc	236.0	256.3⊕	-0.3	1.26
Smlr Inc	38.36	40.82c	+0.04	3.60
Do Acc	41.80	44.25c	+0.05	3.60
Gilt Gth Inc	60.12	62.00	+0.50	5.07
Do Acc	60.12	62.00	+0.50	5.07
Gilt Inc Inc	58.09	59.50	-0.29	8.76
Do Acc	68.98	69.03	+0.25	8.98
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing 0722 411411 Admin 0722 411922				
Equity Gen	238.6	252.9	+0.91	3.79
Do Acc	554.6	590.0	+0.02	3.79
Euro Gth Dist	91.88	97.74⊕	+0.62	0.65
Fixed Int Dist	118.5	123.4⊕	+0.53	0.65
Int Gth Dist	178.8	190.1c	+0.75	0.19
Do Acc	62.38	66.34	..	0.73
Jap Gen	63.68	67.66	..	0.73
N Am Dist	182.9	194.6⊕	+0.21	1.20
Do Acc	193.2	205.6⊕	+0.22	1.20
Pac Basin Dist	181.8	193.4⊕	-0.58	0.57
Do Acc	184.1	195.8⊕	-0.60	0.57
Stwd Dist	261.1	277.8⊕	+0.67	2.65
Do Acc	276.1	293.8	+0.93	2.65
Stwd Inc Dist	61.75	65.06⊕	+0.05	4.95
Do Acc	68.12	69.89⊕	+0.04	4.95
Nthn Stwd Dist	72.27	76.88⊕	+0.11	0.25
Do Acc	76.21	81.07⊕	+0.12	0.25
GT UNIT MANAGERS 5th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 071-623 2515 Dealing: 071-623 5403				
Am Sp Sits	85.46	92.50	+0.20	0.00
UK Dep Inc	139.0	148.7⊕	+0.1	4.21
Do Acc	139.0	148.0	+0.1	4.21
Do Spec Sits	63.10	67.54	+0.05	4.21
Inc Fund	100.2	107.3c	+0.2	7.82
Intl	164.4	167.3	-0.5	1.27
US/General	67.74	71.55	-0.03	0.63
Jap & Genl	53.74	56.53	+0.1	0.00
Far East/Gen	197.3	208.4	+0.5	0.32
Euro	321.1	342.1	+1.8	1.13
Growth	86.48	91.80	+0.60	0.45
Inc Inc	55.39	60.04	-1.38	5.57
Wrld Spec Sit	93.86	100.2	-0.50	0.13
Global Prp Inc	49.15	51.50	+0.02	2.87
Do Acc	49.15	51.50	-1.88	2.87
Smlr Cos Div	40.19	42.89	+0.10	6.50
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-19 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212 Dealing: 0277 284481 Services: 0800 289336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	38.44	38.97⊕	+0.22	1.72
CashTrust*	115.31	c	+0.02	10.71
Fixed Inc Inc	91.22	98.59	+0.04	3.69
Do Acc	104.3	107.5	+1.91	3.69
UK Smlr Cos	97.97	104.3	+0.22	3.17
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	62.52	67.19	-0.67	7.34
Performance	21.05	22.61⊕	+0.49	12.31
High Inc	31.88	33.88⊕	+0.05	7.31
Income	109.2	118.7⊕	+0.33	6.90
Intl Fixd Int	33.44	34.87	-0.05	7.34
International Trusts				
Gold Int	54.67	58.67	+0.60	1.46
Scandinavian	16.07	19.29	+0.03	0.67
Frontier Mkts	33.17	35.57	-0.05	0.68
Glob Inv/Gth	52.12	56.51	-0.01	3.30
UK/Intl	68.25	64.59	+0.60	3.37
Overseas Trusts				
American	94.31	100.4	-0.01	1.28
European	63.61	67.93	+0.31	1.47
Euro Sel Opp	64.85	69.20⊕	+0.37	1.41
Far Eastern	47.77	51.21	+0.06	0.02
Hong Kong	54.82	58.39	+0.55	0.00
Japan	161.2	160.7	+0.84	0.00
Pacific Gth	66.41	94.94	-0.72	1.59
GOWETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Blackfriars Hse, 4, Bells Bridge Lane, London SE1 3HR Tel: 071-378 7593 Dealing: 071-628 0828				
Intl Gth	103.2	110.4	+0.61	0.80
Amer Growth	92.01	98.01	+0.50	0.00
Euro Growth	59.68	63.71⊕	+0.39	0.41
Far Horizons	42.29	45.19	+0.32	0.79
Jap Growth	62.73	67.09⊕	+0.03	0.00
Middle Inc	61.42	57.99⊕	-0.09	3.94
Pacific Gth	67.70	72.37	+0.70	0.35
UK Prog Inc	72.20	77.22	+0.35	0.42
Gt Britain	46.61	49.74	-0.01	2.25
UK Smlr Co	37.89	40.53⊕	+0.34	3.51
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 35 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538 8888				
Cash	118.7		+0.1	11.05
Gil/Fixd Interest	107.4	113.9⊕	+0.3	9.00
Gth Equity	285.7	283.8	+1.2	3.00
Guardhill	388.6	393.8⊕	+1.5	3.11
Inc Tst	100.3	110.3	+0.3	5.21
Intl	128.1	138.8	-0.2	0.59
Managed	400.7	516.5	+1.4	..
N Amer	188.8	207.0	+0.2	0.48
Pacific	262.5	301.5	+0.7	0.00
Prop Share	222.5	216.0⊕	+0.4	4.67
Spec Cos	217.8	232.6	+0.2	2.11
Euro Trust	315.3	338.8	+0.2	0.62
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGER PO Box 600 Edinburgh EH15 1EW Tel: 0800 639666				
Global Adv Inc	28.74	31.58⊕	+0.05	2.35
Global Adv Acc	30.42	32.26⊕	+0.03	2.35
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Exeter, 8, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel. Enquiries 0277 229300 Dealing 0277 260820				
Amer Equity	55.26	59.73	-0.47	4.00
Dividend	50.24	53.27	-0.56	0.95
Equity Inc	69.71	105.0	-0.20	7.25
Euro	134.3	131.8	-0.4	0.62
High Inc	67.45	71.76c	-0.04	7.73
Hong Kong	25	29	-0.4	0.00
Jap & Far East	69.58	94.65	-0.42	0.00
N Am	62.11	67.12	-0.01	0.69
Smallcoman	160.3	111.5⊕	+0.5	0.00
Smlr Cos	27.81	29.27⊕	+0.19	2.59
UK New Genrn	34.97	37.20⊕	+0.14	2.12
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: 0277 261010				
Am Smlr Cos	92.70	97.46	-0.27	0.00
Asian Enterprise	77.05	82.61	-0.79	1.85
Australian	118.9	127.2	-1.11	3.67
European	300.8	320.6	+0.69	1.07
Far East	52.39	61.78⊕	+0.40	3.78
Euro Smlr Cos	100.2	131.2	+0.34	0.00
Extra Inc	243.9	259.7	+1.35	6.10
Family Of Fds	57.01	60.76⊕	+0.18	0.00
Financial Trust	46.94	50.02⊕	+0.24	0.00
Global Resource	72.17	77.49⊕	+0.39	0.00
High Inc	272.0	290.6⊕	+0.90	5.31
Incomo/Gth Inc	73.3	78.1⊕	+0.36	5.31
Do Acc	498.5	531.0	+1.65

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Cable Wireless	Electricals	
2	Stand Chart	Banks,Discount	
3	Reckitt & Coleman	Industrials L-R	
4	More O'Ferrall	Paper,Print,Adv	
5	Guinness	Breweries	
6	Warner	Property	
7	Meyer Int	Building,Roads	
8	Evans Of Leeds	Property	
9	Hickson	Chemicals,Plas	
10	Grand Met	Breweries	
11	WPP	Paper,Print,Adv	
12	Bespak	Industrials A-D	
13	Eurotunnel Units	Transport	
14	Smith David	Paper,Print,Adv	
15	CRH	Building,Roads	
16	Parnell Elect	Electricals	
17	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	
18	Berkeley Gp	Building,Roads	
19	Trinity Intl	Newspapers,Pub	
20	Ladbroke	Hotels,Caterers	
21	Granada	Industrials E-K	
22	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
23	Enterprise	Oils,Gas	
24	Iceland Frozen	Foods	
25	Morgan Cble	Industrials L-R	
26	Raiyon	Industrials L-R	
27	Capital Radio	Leisure	
28	McAlpine (Alfred)	Building,Roads	
29	Wagon Ind	Industrials S-Z	
30	Spirax-Sarco	Industrials S-Z	
31	Alumasc	Industrials A-D	
32	Kleinwort Benson	Banks,Discount	
33	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
34	Alba	Electricals	
35	Alexandra W'wear	Industrials A-D	
36	GKN	Industrials E-K	
37	Lionheart	Industrials L-R	
38	Spring Ram	Industrials S-Z	
39	Sthrn Water	Water	
40	Blue Circle	Building,Roads	
41	Sidlaw	Industrials S-Z	
42	Helical Bar	Property	
43	TT Group	Industrials S-Z	
44	Lex Service	Motors,Aircraft	
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Mrs M Fisher, of Wood Green, north London, was the winner of yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Stores and brewers advance

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 12. Dealings end tomorrow. §Contango day September 2. Settlement day September 9. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
584	482	Allied-Lyons	580	585	+6	25.1	4.3	22.9
104	80	Ansells	96	98	+4	4.4	4.5	18.4
175	124	Bass Plc	149	150	-	6.8	4.5	16.4
258	173	Belhaven (Ord P)	245	250	-	11.1	4.5	15.3
143	105	Boddingtons Bmr	110	112	-	5.7	5.0	17.4
83	54	Fenton Brewing Gp	70	81	-	3.1	3.7	14.5
638	525	Grand Met	555	557	+4	26.5	4.8	14.0
368	274	Greenall Whitley	350	352	+11	13.8	3.9	14.2
404	274	Greenalls (Ord)	380	382	+4	15.0	3.9	14.7
10	777	Grolsch	893	897	+4	35.0	2.5	18.8
10	670p	Hodgson & Hansford	10	10p	-	47.8	4.7	12.4
303	225	Inchcape (Ord)	297	298	-	12.0	4.0	15.1
280	220	Independent Dist	253	255	-	8.7	2.8	20.9
457	430	Marstons	453	460	-	16.1	3.5	12.5
418	315	Matthew Thompson	400	405	-	20.0	5.0	12.7
410	357	Matthew Clark	380	390	-	16.7	4.2	13.3
335	233	Midland	330	332	-	8.9	2.8	16.0
71	44	Morland (A)	104	105	-4	-	-	-
425	370	Scot & Nwc	410	412	+4	22.0	5.4	12.8
254	174	Vaux Group	218	222	+2	11.8	5.4	11.4
514	439	Whitbread 'A'	485	492	+2	14.4	2.9	12.5
124a	33	Do 'B'	120	122	-	3.7	3.0	12.7
555	380	Wolverhampton & D	550	560	+1	12.6	2.3	15.7
470	360	Young 'A'	455	475	-	17.3	3.7	17.2

BUILDING, ROADS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
77	40	Abbey	69	70	-	-	-	-
289	178	Amec	187	188	-1	13.5	6.5	10.2
74	17	Anglo Sec	34	36	-	-	-	-
80	23	Arlecdon	-	25	-	-	-	-
200	161	Allnatt	195	205	+1	6.5	3.2	17.7
245	143	BTR Ind	236	237	+3	13.0	5.5	20.8
108	80	Bagnall (John)	77	78	-	4.2	5.4	8.8
50	23	Bailey (Geo) Contr	22	27	-	1.5	6.8	2.5
57	31	Barratt Dev	44	46	-	2.0	4.3	4.7
180	59	Berkeley PLC	85	87	-3	12.0	27.0	4.7
277a	192	Bickerby	257	261	+2	14.7	5.4	13.8
19	3	Bellwinder Gp	-	13	-	-	-	-
351	212	Bovis Gp	317	320	+4	6.8	1.9	-
152	107	Bett Bros	133	137	-	5.8	5.2	8.3
122	69	Blockings	105	114	-	6.4	5.6	12.5
280	180	Brown (Nick)	260	272	+2	15.0	5.5	12.0
63	43	Bryant (Henry)	48	50	-	3.1	6.3	10.9
111	69	Bryants PLC	88	97	-1	5.1	5.6	8.6
235	93	Br Dredging	123	129	-	8.9	7.0	8.7
120	88	Bunzl	104	107	-	4.4	4.2	16.1
105	78	CALA	75	80	-1	4.5	5.8	10.2
289	187	CRH	235	243	+4	-	-	-
80	33	Calebrand Bldrs	47	53	-	-	-	-
57	23	Carville Gp	28	29	-	4.0	7.8	15.1
222	121	Carlton Group	136	142	-4	16.1	11.7	-
151	76	Cavendish	92	98	-	5.5	5.9	-
133	32	Coast Holidays	42	44	-1	-	-	14.3
119	59	Cobham	59	60	-	6.5	5.5	-
345	295	Cowlin (Jas)	335	335a	+20	14.0	2.8	10.5
47a	29	Edmund Hodge	38a	40	-	2.5	6.3	8.7
77	57	Eaga	70	80	-	5.2	7.4	20.5
117	73	Emest Borden	78	80	-	7.5	9.4	8.6
54	2	Fabian Gp	24	34	-	-	-	-
184	71	Galliford	83	86	-	5.7	6.5	11.3
60	40	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	50	55	-	-	-	-
828	664	Glynwed (NAG)	777	800	-	14.0	1.8	10.5
110	55	Graham Wood	55	62e	-	7.3	12.4	3.5
91	46	Hanson Ind	80	85	-	4.3	5.0	16.3
300a	84	Henderson-Sheet	95	98	-	4.5	4.6	8.6
87	71	Hamilton	78	80	-	6.0	7.5	8.5
208	220	Heywood Williams	300	302	+2	16.7	5.5	12.4
369	234	Higgs & Hill	235	240	-	26.7	11.2	48.4
41	24	How Gp	34	37	-	2.1	5.7	11.0
21	15	Hunting Hldgs	15	16	-	0.5	2.9	-
124	78	Hutchison Johnson	80	82	+3a	6.0	8.0	10.2
50	35	Jacob	52	57	-	2.7	4.9	13.6
347	254	Laing (J)	272	275	+1	17.0	6.2	20.1
64	23	Lindustries (Walter)	32	34	-	0.8	14.2	26.2
376	330	Lilleshall	45	48	-	3.3	7.3	6.4
205	155	Lovell (Y.J)	145	146	+1	11.9a	8.1	8.6
188	123	Mallinson	170	174	-1	8.7	5.4	10.8
137	87	Marley	120	121	-	6.5	5.4	47.5
108	82	Marshalls	98	100	-	6.7	7.4	19.0
131	80	Mowlem (J)	115	118	-	6.6	5.6	8.1
308	210	Newarthill (Ord)	244	250	+2	13.7	5.6	23.0
115	37	McCarthy & S	74	77	-	1.3	1.7	-
484	356	Meyer Int	482	485	+3	22.0	4.5	21.5
356	217	Minster (John)	243	247	-	28.5	11.4	18.8
303	125	Norwest Holst	297	299	-	10.7	3.6	9.4
165	112	Nottam Textiles	152	167	+1	12.4	7.5	10.0
288	187	Pochin	278	282	+1	11.5	4.1	12.2
16	4	Pleasantville	11	17	-	0.7	4.4	-
19	8	Do Preferred	9	18	-	0.9	6.4	6.5
201	135	Prestige	183	187	-	8.7	4.1	23.4
749	594	RMC Gp	680	687	-	25.7	3.8	11.9
133	80	Ropner Ind	125	127	+1	7.7	6.1	8.0
1a	1	Redman Fisher	379	395	-1	32.5	5.8	10.0
92	63	Reston	83	73	-	5.7	4.4	8.2
193	135	Rugby Group	180	182	-1	8.6	4.5	10.9
78	70	Scottish & Fisher	75	76	-	5.5	5.4	-
141	102	Sevalco (Ord)	130	140	-	7.2	5.2	6.3
197	169	Smart (J)	188	190	-	8.9	5.1	8.1
21	12a	Stancliffe	17	19	-	0.1	0.6	33.7
424	309	Stanley	372	377	+10	18.7	5.0	11.1
292	180	Tarmac	232	234	+2	15.0	6.4	14.0
193	138	Tay Homes	147	152	-	8.4	4.3	5.6
180	120	Tilbury (Frank)	125	128	-	12.7	9.7	14.7
275	188	Tilbury Group	215	218	-	8.0	3.7	10.0
251	188	Travis Perkins	232	238	-	10.7	4.6	27.7
57	37	Try Group	45	48	+1	3.0	17.0	10.1
130	25	Tunnel	31	34	-	1.0	3.0	-
123	88	Wimpey	113	117	+2	4.8	4.2	11.7
180	105	Ward Group	110	120	-	6.6	6.0	4.6
200	70	Ward Hldgs	85	87	-	2.5	3.1	-
420	280	Wates Build	402	410	-	12.4	3.1	10.3
162	125	Westbury	137	142	-	12.0	8.8	-
62	6	Wigham	15	19	-	-	-	-
428a	330a	Wilcon Homes	412	415	-	11.7	2.7	14.5
211	162	Wilson (Connolly)	202	204	-1	5.0	2.5	18.4
235	164	Wimpey S	170	172	-3	14.0	8.2	16.2
78	43	Yuhl	66	73e	+1	6.7	9.4	7.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
178	128	Allied Colloids	170	173	-1	4.7	2.7	17.4
320	230	Albright & Wilson	305	307	+2	15.7	4.1	22.4
41	28	Anglo Tst	37	38e	-	2.3	5.5	-
231	148	BTP	229	232	+8	11.2	4.8	14.4
99a	72a	Bayer (DM50)	85a	-	-	-	-	-
158	125	Berk Ind	152	155	+2	9.9	6.4	12.2
197	121	Brent Chemic	152	155	+2	9.9	6.4	12.2
65	42	Cold Gp	52	57	+1	3.2	5.5	-
154	84	Coating (N)	146	147	-	8.7	5.7	12.2
243	149	Crosfield	178	179	-	14.7	8.3	16.5
238	165	Elm & Seward	198	203	+1	9.4	4.7	12.1
18	12	European Colour	11	12a	-	0.9	7.5	8.8
82	64	Evode	69	70e	-	5.6	12.8	8.1
222	202	Hickson (Jersey)	315	320	-	14.3	4.5	8.6
188	102	Hickson	166	168	+3	10.7	5.7	11.2
93a	67a	Hoechst (DM50)	80a	-	+4	-	-	-
75	54	Inc Chem Ind	72	74	-	7.3	5.4	16.3
603	435	Laporte	580	582	+3	23.7	4.0	12.8
351	277	Lonza	333	336	+13	10.2	3.0	12.7
251	136	MTM	247	250	+1	8.6	2.7	13.5
57	23	Mallinson Hydro	37	-	-	-	-	-
370	312	Petrofina Zach	365	375	-	22.7	6.1	10.5
365	300	Do 'A'	360	370	+3	12.7	3.5	11.5
133	32	Prutt Nicholson	42	44	-1	0.8	1.9	17.5
119	59	Pyrotenax	74	77	-	4.0	5.3	11.8
345	295	Scapa (Reg)	335	335e	+20	14.0	2.8	10.5
47a	29	Schmoll Hldgs	38a	40	-	2.5	6.3	8.7
77	57	Spin	70	80	-	5.2	7.4	20.5
117	73	Synopsis Sanders	78	80	-	7.5	9.4	8.6
54	2	Fabian Gp	24	34	-	-	-	-
184	71	Galliford	83	86	-	5.7	6.5	11.3
60	40	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	50	55	-	-	-	-
828	664	Glynwed (NAG)	777	800	-	14.0	1.8	10.5
110	55	Graham Wood	55	62e	-	7.3	12.4	3.5
91	46	Hanson Ind	80	85	-	4.3	5.0	16.3
300a	84	Henderson-Sheet	95	98	-	4.5	4.6	8.6
87	71	Hamilton	78	80	-	6.0	7.5	8.5
208	220	Heywood Williams	300	302	+2	16.7	5.5	12.4
369	234	Higgs & Hill	235	240	-	26.7	11.2	48.4
41	24	How Gp	34	37	-	2.1	5.7	11.0
21	15	Hunting Hldgs	15	16	-	0.5	2.9	-
124	78	Hutchison Johnson	80	82	+3a	6.0	8.0	10.2
50	35	Jacob	52	57	-	2.7	4.9	13.6
347	254	Laing (J)	272	275	+1	17.0	6.2	20.1
64	23	Lindustries (Walter)	32	34	-	0.8	14.2	26.2
376	330	Lilleshall	45	48	-	3.3	7.3	6.4
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137	87	Marley	120	121	-	6.5	5.4	47.5
108	82	Marshalls	98	100	-	6.7	7.4	19.0
131	80	Mowlem (J)	115	118	-	6.6	5.6	8.1
308	210	Newarthill (Ord)	244	250	+2	13.7	5.6	23.0
115	37	McCarthy & S	74	77	-	1.3	1.7	-
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288	187	Pochin	278	282	+1	11.5	4.1	12.2
16	4	Pleasantville	11	17	-	0.7	4.4	-
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92	63	Reston	83	73	-	5.7	4.4	8.2
193	135	Rugby Group	180	182	-1	8.6	4.5	10.9
78	70	Scottish & Fisher	75	76	-	5.5	5.4	-
141	102	Sevalco (Ord)	130	140	-	7.2	5.2	6.3
197	169	Smart (J)	188	190	-	8.9	5.1	8.1
21	12a	Stancliffe	17	19	-	0.1	0.6	33.7
424	309	Stanley	372	377	+10	18.7	5.0	11.1
292	180	Tarmac	232	234	+2	15.0	6.4	14.0
193	138	Tay Homes	147	152	-	8.4	4.3	5.6
180	120	Tilbury (Frank)	125	128	-	12.7	9.7	14.7
275	188	Tilbury Group	215	218	-	8.0	3.7	10.0
251	188	Travis Perkins	232	238	-	10.7	4.6	27.7
57	37	Try Group	45	48	+1	3.0	17.0	10.1
130	25	Tunnel	31	34	-	1.0	3.0	-
123	88	Wimpey	113	117	+2	4.8	4.2	11.7
180	105	Ward Group	110	120	-	6.6	6.0	4.6
200	70	Ward Hldgs	85	87	-	2.5	3.1	-
420	280	Wates Build	402	410	-	12.4	3.1	10.3
162	125	Westbury	137	142	-	12.0	8.8	-
62	6	Wigham	15	19	-	-	-	-
428a	330a	Wilcon Homes	412	415	-	11.7	2.7	14.5
211	162	Wilson (Connolly)	202	204	-1	5.0	2.5	18.4
235	164	Wimpey S	170	172	-3	14.0	8.2	16.2
78	43	Yuhl	66	73e	+1	6.7	9.4	7.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
595	399	Allnatt	430	437	+4	18.4	3.8	17.1
1050a	78	Anker Dry	1020a	1030a	-	9.5	3.4	25.9
300	238	Argos Plc	292	298	-	8.3	2.8	20.8
88	52	Arthur (Cecil)	73	77	-	0.1	0.1	-
365	259	Austin Reed	335	370	-	17.2	5.1	55.5
365	259	Austin Reed (Jersey) 'A'	335	370	-	17.2	5.1	55.5
195	138	Bentalls	181	187	-	5.1	3.1	27.3
181	73	Beale Conn Fash	177	180	+1	2.1	1.7	33.5
69	37	Black Lab	60	64	-	1.6	2.5	42.8
307	178	Body Shop	280	284	-3	1.6	0.6	42.8
39a	15	Brown & Jackson	14	19a	-	0.5	10.7	2.4
248	183	Brown (N)	227	241	-	4.8	2.0	23.8
40a	25	Burton	40a	40a	+1p	-	-	-
197	150	Burton 'A'	192	197	+1	5.3	2.7	9.2
90	70	Bestwood	83	73	-	5.7	4.4	8.2
193	135	Bigby Group	180	182	-1	8.6	4.5	10.9
78	70	Scottish & Fisher	75	76	-	5.5	5.4	-
141	102	Sevalco (Ord)	130	140	-	7.2	5.2	6.3
197	169	Smart (J)	188	190	-	8.9	5.1	8.1
21	12a	Stancliffe	17	19	-	0.1	0.6	33.7
424	309	Stanley	372	377	+10	18.7	5.0	11.1
292	180	Tarmac	232	234	+2	15.0	6.4	14.0
193	138	Tay Homes	147	152	-	8.4	4.3	5.6
180	120	Tilbury (Frank)	125	128	-	12.7	9.7	14.7
275	188	Tilbury Group	215	218	-	8.0	3.7	10.0
251	188	Travis Perkins	232	238	-	10.7	4.6	27.7
57	37	Try Group	45	48	+1	3.0	17.0	10.1
130	25	Tunnel	31	34	-	1.0	3.0	-
123	88	Wimpey	113	117	+2	4.8	4.2	11.7
180	105	Ward Group	110	120	-	6.6	6.0	4.6
200	70	Ward Hldgs	85	87	-	2.5	3.1	-
420	280	Wates Build	402	410	-	12.4	3.1	10.3
162	125	Westbury	137	142	-	12.0	8.8	-
62	6	Wigham	15	19	-	-	-	-
428a	330a	Wilcon Homes	412	415	-	11.7	2.7	14.5
211	162	Wilson (Connolly)	202	204	-1	5.0	2.5	18.4
235	164	Wimpey S	170	172	-3	14.0	8.2	16.2
78	43	Yuhl	66	73e	+1	6.7	9.4	7.8

ELECTRICITY

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
220	142	East Midlands	195	197	+3	20.1	8.0	9.2
251	134b	Eastern Elect	173	175	+2	18.3	8.1	8.6
123	105	Hydro-Electric	112	113	+½	12.2	4.8	13.7
217	168	London Elect	195	198	+2	16.0	5.0	7.3
265	192a	Manweb	236	242	+3	14.0	5.8	8.5
225	136	Midlands Elec	201	203	+3a	20.1	5.8	8.6
222	143	Northern Elec	205	208	-	21.7	8.3	8.4
225	143	Norweb	211	214	+3	20.8	5.8	14.4
117	100	Scottish Power	115	117	+½	12.0	5.7	13.0
219	154	Sth Wales	197	201	-	18.7	9.3	7.8
219	154	Sth Western	241	245	+3	22.5	5.8	8.6
223	159	Sth Western	209	212	+1	20.3	6.0	8.2
223	128a	Southern Elec	198	200	-1a	18.3	5.7	15.1
232	137	Yorkshire Elec	231	233	-3	20.6	5.5	8.2
22p4p	1000	Package Unit	22p4p	-	-	0.30	-	-
127a	110	Midland Power	127	128	+5	11.3	4.8	8.0
171	112	Powergen	169	171	+3a	11.1	4.5	10.7

FINANCE, LAND

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
338	301	Abingworth	315	322	-	6.9	2.2	60.3
47	35	Allied Home	38	39	-	1.3	3.0	8.2
148	90	Baltic Plc	111	117	-	5.5	4.8	5.1
188	116	Berkeley Sewell	150	152	-	-	-	-
10	5	Bestwood 7	7p	8p	-	-	-	-
376	330	Caledonia	350	360	+2	18.6	5.1	14.1
21	17	Cardiff	19a	21a	-	3.3	1.6	16.3
280	213	Cardover	230	245	+3	11.3	4.7	18.4
24	10	Chartwell	12	13	-	-	-	-
342	130	Cornwall Thompson	137	135	-	-	-	3.6
19	11	FICO	13	12	-	-	-	-
124	93	Gerry & Stew	98	102e	-	7.7	7.7	17.2
12	5	Do 'B'	6	8	-	-	-	-
157	21	Hot Horse Lions	30	32	-	12.8	57.1	1.5
23	21	Homecroft	20	23	-	-	-	-
22	9	Ireland Tst	11	12	-1	1.1	9.2	5.8
15	8	Jermyn Plc	75	78	-	-	-	-
33	23	Roger & Feld	30	40	-	3.3a	8.3	8.1
676	538	Rolinco	750	800e	-	-	-	-
84	68	SLP Capital	75	81	-	4.0	5.0	10.7
280	188	Templeton Glob	222	230	+5	-	-	-

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
17a	9a	American Express	16a	-	+½	-	-	-
12	3a	Babcock Pulsar	2a	3	-	-	-	-
282	210	Berisfo	225	227	+2	6.4	3.7	23.0
705	535	Henderson Adm	580	590	+5	30.0	5.3	12.9
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FOODS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
545	421	AB Food	510	515	+1	13.2	3.0	12.2
149	94	ASDA Group	99	102	-	0.4	-	0.2
132	95	Albert Fisher	102	104	+½	4.5	4.7	10.8
35	19	Alpine Group	-	7	-	-	-	-
275	224a	Angel	261	263	-	11.8	3.6	14.8
119	112	Associ Dairies	118	119	-	6.3	5.3	11.4
155	140	Bells (Alex)	141	147	-	8.3	5.9	14.2
155	130	Bells (Sidney G)	140	146	-	10.7	7.4	7.1
195	140	Bibby (J)	190	200	-	9.9	5.5	37.4
41	40	Bickland Ind	37	39	+1p	-	-	-
481	469	Bibby Plc	465	472	-9	26.5	5.6	13.0
35	28	Berkshire	31	33a	-	1.3	4.1	31.1
369	285	Bola Bros	362	380	-	7.8	1.8	18.0
39	25	Brent Walker	35	36	-	-	-	-
357	279	Brit Sugar	317	320	+1p	-	-	-
487	335	BOC Group	468	484	-2	26.1	5.7	14.7
280	234	BSI	245	255	+5	13.2	4.3	12.9
156	95	Cadbury	150	150	-	7.7	5.1	-
37	13	Chase	13	18e	-	0.7	4.4	-
37	13	Chase (NV) 'B'	13	18e	-	0.7	4.4	-
81	57	Cobalt (N)	67	68	-	6.2	9.1	22.5
17a	7a	Cocks	8a	9a	+½	0.8	9.0	-
12a	17a	Crosse & Blackw (Jos) 'A'	12a	-	-	-	-	-
37	30	Cumbrian Nat	35	40	+1	0.9	2.5	9.9
37	27	Dairy Farm	27	32e	-	0.3	1.0	-

How a well-managed firm measures up to the success checklist

By Rodney Hobson

A LEADING team of fund managers has its own list of telltale signs that make a well-run small company stand out from the rest.

Stephen Williams and Jane Tufnell, at County NatWest Investment Management, analyse financial data and measure a company's peformance against the stock market as a whole. However, they say that nothing can compare with a visit to the company.

Mr Williams says: "Nothing beats a site visit to see the level of corporate pride and morale, together with overall abilities, direction and ambitions. What we are looking for are the human aspects that no balance sheet can reveal."

☐ A first important sign is whether the employees take care of the premises, keeping the washrooms clean, vans and lorries in good repair and the factory tidy.

☐ Corporate extravagance often shows up in reception areas. But a good sign is when the firm takes as much care with employees' working areas as with executive offices.

☐ Positive employee attitudes include being cheerful and helpful to visitors and taking care to ensure products leave the factory in the best possible condition.

☐ The managing director of a small company should know the first name of everyone in the firm and should spend working hours on company business rather than on charities, politics or corporate entertaining.

☐ Bonuses are best taken in the company's shares rather than in higher salaries.

☐ Having a clear strategy means that management can explain in 25 words what the company does and how.

Jane Tufnell says: "This type of information completes the picture for us after hours of research into financial information."

MR FRIDAY

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Drawing up a second career

By David Askham

HARRY Midwood's skills as a chartered engineer could have been put to many uses when, on approaching retirement after a working lifetime in the aerospace industry, he decided to begin a second career. His choice of designing and making quality horse-drawn gigs is a far cry from his earlier work, designing wind tunnels for testing aerospace vehicles.

In 1983, Mr Midwood founded the Horsedrawn company in Pinkney, near Malmesbury, Wiltshire, repairing and restoring horse-drawn carriages.

Among the company's restoration commissions was a horse-drawn post van for the German Post Office. He has restored a 12-seater road coach for an American client and has built a market barrow for a Gloucestershire flower seller.

Although Mr Midwood was a capable engineer, he needed additional craft skills. He said: "The Rural Development Commission's training workshops at Salisbury were very helpful. My assistants and I learned welding, blacksmithing and wheelwrighting at Salisbury, while my wife attended a course on traditional upholstery."

Soon there was demand for new products, so Mr Midwood went back to his drawing board and designed seven vehicles, the most popular of which is his two-wheeled Badminton gig, which sells for £2,075. His general purpose vehicle costs about £1,600, while the top of the range pony pairs carriage, suitable for driving trials and showing, costs £4,060.

Driving force: Harry Midwood, managing director of Horsedrawn, with a Badminton gig

Establishing his place in a niche market has taken time. Mr Midwood said: "I was warned that it would take at least five years before the business would be profitable. That forecast was correct." Profits, however, were still not satisfactory so a new strategy was needed.

Mr Midwood said: "Analysis showed that we were too expensive for those people who were looking for cheap products, largely satisfied by backyard builders, or for those buyers who didn't care what they strapped behind their horses. The latter didn't seem to be concerned with good design, reliability and ease of maintenance. So, we increased our prices to reflect more accurately the high quality of our vehicles, with the aim of appealing to discerning clients who want the best and are prepared to pay a fair price for quality and good design."

The response has been encouraging. Mr Midwood said: "Orders have shown no signs of decreasing, thus vindicating our pricing policy."

BRIEFINGS

☐ SIX learning modules, geared to helping small firms preparing for the single European market, are to be launched next month by Durham Business Club. The titles are: *The Single European Market*, including sources of finance; *The Business Environment*; *Selling*, including available services; *Communicating*; *Business Evaluation*; *Exports and Your Office*, procedures and paperwork.

The easy-to-follow modules were prepared by experts on Europe and on open learning. Each has about 35 pages, costs £20 and ends with an action plan. Combined price is £96.

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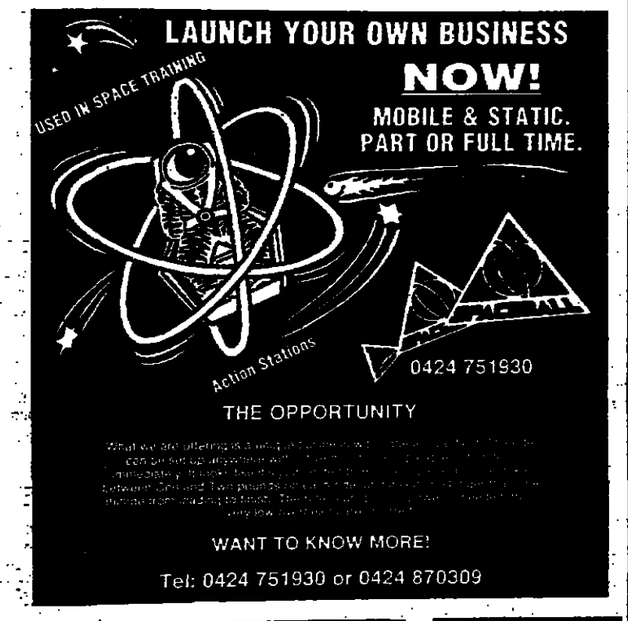

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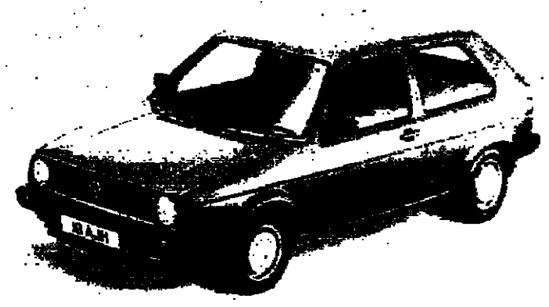

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Police are cracking down on off-road drivers who ignore the country code, **Vaughan Freeman** reports

Countryside vandals in deep water

The boom in four-wheel drive vehicles and their use in the countryside has sparked accusations by environmentalists that paths and byways are being churned up and destroyed and the time-honoured code of the country ignored.

More than 30 police forces in Britain have appointed wildlife liaison officers, largely because of the increasing numbers of complaints about vandalism by off-road vehicles. Now manufacturers are offering four-wheel drive customers guidelines on driving off-road and respecting the countryside.

Mitsubishi, which in May launched its new range of four-wheel drive Shoguns, now puts its own off-road country code in the glove compartment of every Shogun it sells.

The problem of insensitive off-road drivers is growing as sales of four-wheel drive vehicles increase. Despite price tags of £20,000 and more, sales in this sector rose by 30 per cent last year to 27,000, at a time when car sales overall fell by 13 per cent. This year, four-wheel drive sales have continued to rise and manufacturers expect to set a UK record of 30,000 vehicles by the end of 1991.

However, figures from the Royal Society for Nature Conservation are less uplifting. The society says that at least 130 sites of wildlife importance have been damaged recently by off-road vehicles, with grasslands, woodland, heath, sand dunes, salt marsh and moorland worst affected.

Even historic sites, such as the Ridgeway along the North Wessex Downs, are not immune to soil erosion and other damage caused by vehicles using the route, 40 miles of which is a byway and so open to motor traffic.

The problem is ignorance, says the society in its report on damage to wildlife sites by motor vehicles. "It appears that many users of off-road vehicles regard areas of wildlife habitat, even nature reserves, simply as areas of derelict land and this ignorance seems to be genuine."

Nick Holliday, the countryside officer of the Countryside Commission, says: "There is a growing level of general concern at the moment. Four-wheel drive vehicles, as well as off-road motorbikes, pose serious potential environmental problems.

"We know there are considerate four-wheel drive users, but there are also those whose main aim seems to be getting bogged down in mud or otherwise stuck, and then winching themselves out, often damaging trees in the process or, in wet weather, leaving deep ruts which, when dried out, can trip horses or damage the pathways."

A Mitsubishi spokesman says: "There are always going to be people who get into their vehicle and go tearing away. But most of our customers, given how much they have spent on the vehicle, are not going to put it at risk and do consider the countryside."

Mitsubishi's guide, prepared by the Land Access and Right Association, advises:

- Use only vehicular rights of way (these can be checked at the local authority or council offices by consulting their Definitive Map).
- Keep to the defined track. Detour only to pass immovable obstructions.
- Travel at a quiet and unobtrusive pace.
- Ensure you have a licence, tax and insurance.
- Pay attention to the four Ws: weather, width, winches and weight (some lanes can be damaged by heavy vehicles).
- Respect the life of the countryside.
- Take special care in spring and early summer.

Splash, bang, wallop: this vehicle is on a test track, but some drivers are wrecking the countryside

The sensible way to enjoy the great outdoors

Environmentally inclined: Land Rover's four-wheel drive course

Off-road drivers can take lessons at Land Rover's test track

A few miles from the M6 motorway at Solihull, Birmingham, motorists with a thirst for adventure can try a Malaysian log road, a swamp-like jungle path or a gravel track straight out of the Rockies *(Vaughan Freeman writers)*.

For £90, four-wheel drive owners can push their vehicles and themselves to the limit on Land Rover's test track, which has recently been opened to the public. The four-and-a-half-mile track is open to all drivers and owners of Land Rover products, via its Driving Experience course.

The idea is to find out just what drivers require of their Range Rover, Discovery or Land-Rover, and then show them what the vehicle can do. Apart from private motorists, customers include members of the British armed forces, police drivers, military personnel from abroad, ambulance drivers, mountain rescue teams, and gas board and water authority staff.

Uppermost in Land Rover's mind is the environmental issue. Nick Argent, a company spokesman, says: "We are not only teaching people how to drive off roads, but to do so carefully, without destroying the environment."

"The important thing regarding the course is that we don't teach people how to drive," says Don Green, the course demonstration manager "It is an exchange of information about what people need their vehicles to do and how to exploit the maximum available to them from the vehicle. We hope our techniques will prevent people from getting stuck in the first place."

The main problem he and his team face is that "people won't be told". This is where such a course is so valuable. As well as driving techniques, motorists can learn how to use a winch, a hydraulic platform, or other equipment fitted to their vehicle.

● *Course details are available from Land Rover (021-722 2424).*

Carry on regardless

CARRY on driving through the recession — that seems to be the motto among motorists. Despite hard times, the family car is last on the list when it comes to making economies in the household budget, according to an Automobile Association survey.

Of 3,000 motorists questioned, only 8 per cent said they planned to use their car less or were thinking of changing to a smaller model, although 15 per cent said they intended to cut back in other areas such as holidays or social life. Most committed to their cars are those in the North, where only 2 per cent said they intended to reduce their motoring costs.

Miles better

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Big baby

PEUGEOT will introduce its chic 106 baby car to Britain in November after its début at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September. The car is a scaled-down version of Peugeot's 205, but is surprisingly roomy inside. French versions will use engines ranging from 954cc to 1360cc. Full details of UK specifications are not yet available.

Budget BMW

THE cheapest BMW will now be the 316i model in the new 3-series range. Costing £14,250, BMW anticipates that it will prove to be as popular with UK motorists as its predecessor, and expects it to account for almost a third of all 3-series sales and a fifth of all BMW sales in the UK. The 316i has a 1596cc engine, capable of 118mph. Standard fittings include a catalytic converter, electric front windows and door mirrors, central-locking and power-steering.

Tread carefully

NEXT January a new law will increase minimum permissible depth tread on tyres from 1mm to 1.6mm But motorists are still not meeting the present requirements. Superdrive, the motoring centre chain, says more than half the tyres it replaces are worn below their legal limit.

Extra Golf round

VOLKSWAGEN has promised to scrap all its third generation Golfs when they become obsolete. The offer covers new Golfs, which will arrive in the UK early next year. The guarantee means that the last owner of the vehicle can return the car to Volkswagen, where it will be stripped down to its component parts for recycling. Three-quarters of the car is metal. It has been designed to be taken apart easily and incorporates plastics that can be recovered and reprocessed.

Seconds in

MORE drivers are turning to the second-hand market as new car prices scare them off. Figures from HPI, the vehicle information group, show that new car sales backed by finance agreements have fallen by 20 per cent in the first six months of 1991, but the number of finance agreements taken out to buy used cars is up 2.5 per cent.

Two-wheel tips

A NEW guide to safer motorcycling has gone on sale. *Motorcycling, The Complete Guide*, by Jennifer and Peter Robbins and Gail Lucas, price £4.95, is available at W. H. Smith and other bookshops. The 112-page book features a wealth of information and cartoons on safer two-wheel motoring, what to wear and how to pass the driving test.

Fakers foiled

NEW driving licences are to carry a security feature that uses a high-tech invisible ink to prevent sophisticated colour-copiers from churning out fakes. The process shows up the word "fake" stamped all over a licence when it is copied. The words cannot be seen on the original.

Last laugh

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British world record-holder is reinstated after being impeded by Swedish runner on final bend

Cram may require painkillers to race in semi-final

From DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
TOKYO

FOR an hour yesterday, Steve Cram's world championship aspirations hung in the balance as he was bumped out of a place in the semi-finals of the 1,500 metres. It took an appeal from the British team management to prevent him from being eliminated in the first round.

Cram was coming off the final bend when he was shoved into the third lane by Mikael Svensson, of Sweden. Svensson claimed that he had been knocked into Cram by Edgar de Oliveira, of Brazil, and the International Amateur Athletic Federation jury of appeal ruled that both Cram and Svensson should be allowed to contest the semi-finals today.

Since de Oliveira had finished outside a qualifying place, Cram's inclusion in the semi-final line-up increases the numbers still in from 24 to 25. He joins the first six from each of the three heats and the six fastest losers.

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Cram, the mile world record-holder and 1983 world champion, had looked ready to accelerate into a top-six place when Svensson caused him to lose his rhythm. While Nourredine Morceli, the Algerian who is the favourite to win the final on Sunday, stretched out to lead the pack in 3min 43.45sec, Svensson took sixth place and Cram seventh in the slowest of the heats.

As he came off the track, Cram was in no doubt. "I want the team manager," he said. An appeal was lodged. "Just another normal day at the office," Les Jones, the manager, said.

Rule 141 (1) was being called on to assist Cram as it was to have Peter Elliott reinstated after he fell in a heat of the 1,500 metres in the European championships last year. At the European Cup in June, Britain were involved in a controversy surrounding the Soviet Union's 4 x 400 metres relay team. It cost Britain the cup.

Cram must now hope that an injured groin, which began to trouble him last Friday, does not stop him from giving his best. He said that he might need a pain-killing injection today.

The heats were imbalanced. Cram had Morceli, Peter Rono and Saïd Aouita, the world record holder, who is Morceli's most likely challenger, in his, and the tension produced a false start. But all the main contenders, from each heat, came through; plus Cram's team-mate, Matthew Yates, who progressed as a fastest loser.

Kirsty Wade, who, like Cram, is trying to re-establish herself, reached tomorrow's women's final. Wade won the 800 and 1,500 metres at the 1986 Commonwealth Games and is now returning to form after becoming a mother two years ago. She had to run her fastest time, 4.07:22 since 1988 to progress from her semi-final.

Tom Hanlon reached the steeplechase final as the fastest qualifer, with 8.18:02. He has a chance of a medal in the final tomorrow, but the Kenyans, Moses Kiptanui, Julius Kariuki and Patrick Sang, will take some stopping.

The women's 10,000 metres final today will have the British team management desperate for a Liz McColgan victory in what is probably the most open event of these championships. McColgan does not assess it that way. "I cannot see anybody beating me," she said. Her confidence is reassuring given that she is Britain's last realistic shot at an individual gold medal. But there are contenders too numerous to mention in this the finest assembly ever seen for a women's 10,000 metres.

Flying high: Bubka takes pole vault gold medal despite injury. Report, page 34

US runner is banned after failing drug test

TOKYO — Delisa Floyd, the United States national 800 metres champion, was banned from the sport for four years yesterday after failing a drugs test at the world championships here (David Powell writes). She is the first athlete to be suspended under the tougher penalties introduced last week by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF).

Before last week's IAAF decision, first-time drug offenders were suspended for two years. Floyd, aged 30, was eliminated in the semi-finals on Monday, having won her heat the day before. It was after her semi-final that she was tested and both her A and B samples were found to contain amphetamine, a prohibited substance.

The Athletics Congress, the governing body in the United States, has been informed. Since Ben Johnson was disqualified after winning the 100 metres at the Seoul Olympics in 1988 — and reinstated two years later — the IAAF has worked to improve its drug-testing procedures. Dr Arne Ljungqvist, the chairman of the IAAF medical committee, had said beforehand that he did not expect any test failures here.

Floyd, from Houston, set her best time of 1min 57.80sec to finish fifth in Seoul.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM TOKYO

Men

400 metres

Final

1, A Pettigrew (US), 44.57sec; 2, R Black (GB), 44.62; 3, D Everett (US), 44.63; 4, R Hernández (Cuba), 44.86; 5, A Valmon (US), 45.09; 6, I Morris (Trin), 45.12; 7, S Takano (Japan), 45.39; 8, M Garner (Aus), 45.47.

1,500 metres

First round

First six in each heat and overall six fastest losers qualify for semi-finals

QUALIFIERS: Heat one: 1, N Morceli (Alg), 3min 43 45sec; 2, T Benito (Sp), 3:43.88; 3, S Aouita (Mor), 3:43.93; 4, P Rono (Ken), 3:44 37; 5, P Scammell (Aus), 3:44.60; 6, M Svensson (Swe), 3:44.88; 7, S Cram (GB), 3.44.69 (reinstated after protest). Heat two: 1, J-P Herold (Ger), 3:41.21; 2, J L Gonzalez (Sp), 3:41.48; 3, S Doyle (Aus), 3:41.50; 4, P Thiebaut (Fr), 3:41.50; 5, W Kirochi (Ken), 3:41 84. 6, D Tirelli (It), 3:41.77; 7, M Gudberg (Den), 3:42.00; 8, S Melnikov (USSR), 3:42.15. Heat three: 1, D Kibet (Ken), 3:38 07; 2, R El Bair (Mor), 3:38.29; 3, F Cacho (Sp), 3:38.31; 4, M Silva (Por), 3:38.37; 5, G Di Napoli (It), 3:38.63; 6, H Fuhlrougge (Ger), 3.38.82; 7, M Suleiman (Qatar), 3:38 89. 8, M Yates (GB), 3:39.30; 9, M Okuyama (Japan), 3:40.35; 10, J N'Iyamba (Ang), 3:41.05

3,000 metres steeplechase

Heats

First four in each heat and overall three fastest losers qualify for final

QUALIFIERS: Heat one: 1, T Hanlon (GB), 8min 18.02sec; 2, J Kariuki (Ken), 8:18.06; 3, G Fell (Can), 8:18.18; 4, A Sahere (Mor), 8:18.23; 5, B Diemer (US), 8:18.29; 6, T Brusseau (Fr), 8:27.77. Heat two: 1, P Sang (Ken), 8:26.78; 2, F Panetta (It), 8:27.25; 3, G Marko (Hun), 8:27.53; 4, J Mahmoud (Fr), 8:28 35. Heat three: 1, M Kiptanui (Ken), 8:27.52; 2, A Brahmi (Alg), 8:27.95; 3, A Cerosi (It), 8:28.35; 4, W van Dijck (Bel), 8:28.44. 5, H Melzer (Ger), 8:28.56. British non-qualifiers: P McColgan (tenth in heat two, 8:56.34); C Walker (sixth in heat three, 8:30 69)

110 metres hurdles

Final

1, G Foster (US), 13.06sec; 2, J Pierce (US), 13.09; 3, A Jarrett (GB), 13.25; 4, M McKoy (Can), 13.30; 5, D Philibert (Fr), 13.33; 6, V Shishkin (USSR), 13.39; 7, F Schwarthoff (Ger), 13.41; 8, Li Tong (China), 13.46.

Pole vault

Final

1, S Bubka (USSR), 5.95m; 2, I Bagyula (Hun), 5.90; 3, M Tarasov (USSR), 5.85; 4, R Gataullin (USSR), 5.85; 5, P Widen (Swe), 5.75; 6, T Bright (US), 5.75; 7, H Fehringer (Austria), 5.60; 8, T Vigneron (Fr), 5.60; 9, B Zintl (Ger), 5.50; 10, J Gaillone (Fr), 5.40; 11, D Wood (Can), 5.40; 12, G Nikov (Bul), 5.30.

Long jump

Qualifying

8.05m or leading 12 overall qualify for final

QUALIFIERS: Pool A: 1, C Lewis (US), 8.59m; 2, Chen Zunrong (China), 8.05; 3, A Muller (Ger), 8.04; 4, J Jefferson (Cuba), 8.04; 5, G Evangelisti (It), 8.03; 6, G Ogbeide (Nigeria), 8.02; 7, V Ochkan (USSR), 8.01; 8, D Culbert (Aus), 8.01. Pool B: 1, D Haaf (Ger), 8.21; 2, L Myricks (US), 8.20; 3, M Powell (US), 8.19; 4, K Koukodimos (Gr), 8.12; 5, B Tudor (Rom), 8.05. British non-qualifier: M Forsythe (tenth in pool A, 7.95).

Decathlon

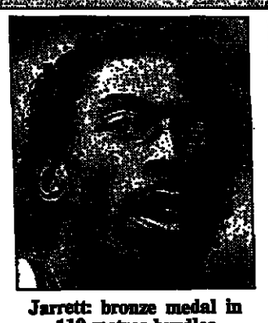
First day scores

1, D O'Brien (US), 4,802pts (10.41sec 100m, 7.90m long jump, 16.24m shot, 1.91m high jump, 46.53sec 400m); 2, M Smith (Can), 4,534 (10.81, 7.68, 15.89, 2.09, 47.53); 3, C Schenk (Ger), 4,347 (11.37, 7.55, 15.77, 2.18, 50.10); 4, S Postman (NZ), 4,305; 5, E Hamalainen (USSR), 4,294; 6, T Dauth (Ger), 4,276; 7, P Kaseklaio (Fin), 4,258; 8, C Plaziat (Fr), 4,251; 9, R Zmelik (Cz), 4,249; 10, M Kohnle (Ger), 4,243; 10, A Penalver (Sp), 4,243. Did not start: A Brannen (GB).

Women

200 metres

First round



Jarrett: bronze medal in 110 metres hurdles

First four in each heat and overall four fastest losers qualify for second round

QUALIFIERS: Heat one: 1, G Torrence (US), 23.08sec; 2, V Jean-Charles (Fr), 23.13; 3, P Davis (Bah), 23.31; 4, Wang Huei-chen (Taiwan), 23.72; 5, S Govindasamy (Malaysia), 24.09. Heat two: 1, M Ottey (Jam), 23.25; 2, G Malchugina (USSR), 23.44; 3, J Duporta (Cuba), 23.71; 4, M Ouiminga (Burkina Faso), 25.32. Heat three: 1, E Jones (US), 23.32; 2, I Privalova (USSR), 23.39; 3, C Alves Pina (Br), 23.83; 4, S Jacobs (GB), 23.87; 5, A Kozary (Hun), 23.99. Heat four: 1, D Young (US), 22.77; 2, Y Vinogradova (USSR), 22.93; 3, S Knoll (Ger), 23.09; 4, M Nastorel (Fr), 23.39; 5, M Masullo (It), 23.75. Heat five: 1, S Hanhijoki (Fin), 23.12; 2, J Stouta (GB), 23.18, 3, K Krabbe (Ger), 23.23; 4, O Kolodni (Isr), 23.78; 5, G Dube (Zim), 24.22.

Second round

First four in each heat and overall four fastest losers qualify for semi-finals

QUALIFIERS: Heat one: 1, Krabbe, 22.46; 2, Young, 22.49; 3, Malchugina, 22.49; 4, Jean-Charles, 23.23; 5, Kolodni, 23.61. Heat two: 1, Torrence, 22.52; 2, Davis, 22.82; 3, Vinogradova, 22.92; 4, Hanhijoki, 23.17; 5, Jacobs, 23.37; 6, Duporta, 23.46. Heat three: 1, Ottey, 22.64; 2, Privalova, 22.89; 3, Knoll, 22.97; 4, Jones, 23.03; 5, Nastorel, 23.46. British non-qualifier: Stoute (did not finish in heat one).

1,500 metres

Heats

First four in each heat and overall three fastest losers qualify for final

QUALIFIERS: Heat one: 1, S Sirma (Ken), 4min 04.94sec; 2, D Bowker (Can), 4:05.07; 3, P Plumer (US), 4:05.08; 4, R Kotovich (USSR), 4:05.53; 5, V Baclea (Rom), 4:05.77; 6, Y Mai (Ger), 4:06.09; 7, K Wade (GB), 4:07.22. Heat two: 1, H Boulmerka (Alg), 4:08.20; 2, L Rogachova (USSR), 4:08.34; 3, L Vrieede (Surinam), 4:08.46; 4, E Fidatov (Rom), 4:08.81. Heat three: 1, D Melinte (Rom), 4:08.78; 2, E Klessling (Ger), 4:09.23; 3, T Dorovskikh (USSR), 4:08.25; 4, M Rydz (Pol), 4:09.31. British non-qualifiers: C Cahill (ninth in heat two, 4:09.01); A Molloy (fifth, ninth in heat two, 4:16.61).

100 metres hurdles

First round

First two in each heat and overall six fastest losers qualify for semi-finals

QUALIFIERS: Heat one: 1, Zhang Yu (China), 13.12sec; 2, A Myricks (US), 13.12; 3, A Piquereau (Fr), 13.20. Heat two: 1, N Grigoryeva (USSR), 13.02; 2, O Adams (Cuba), 13.30. Heat three: 1, G Devers-Roberts (US), 12.77; 2, M Freeman (Jam), 13.10; 3, F Colle (Fr), 13.12; 4, M J Mardomingo (Sp), 13.22. Heat four: 1, M Ewanje-Epee (Fr), 12.92; 2, A Lopez (Cuba), 13.10; 3, K Morley-Brown (GB), 13.24. Heat five: 1, L Narozhilenko (USSR), 12.88; 2, J Baumann (Switz), 12.88; 3, S Dettmer (Bel), 13.07; 4, K Patzwahl (Ger), 13.08. British non-qualifiers: L-A Skeete (fourth in heat one, 13.33); M Edwards (sixth in heat five, 13.50).

Semi-finals

First four in each heat qualify for final

HEAT ONE: 1, Grigoryeva, 12.68; 2, Devers-Roberts, 12.71; 3, Ewanje-Epee, 12.88; 4, Patzwahl, 13.11.

HEAT TWO: 1, Narozhilenko, 12.52; 2, Lopez, 12.91; 3, Colle, 12.94; 4, Baumann, 12.94.

British non-qualifier: Morley-Brown (seventh in heat one, 13.24).

400 metres hurdles

Final

1, T Ladovskaya (USSR), 53.11sec; 2, S Gunnell (GB), 53.16 (UK and Commonwealth record); 3, J Vickers (US), 53.47; 4, S Farmer-Patrick (US), 53.95; 5, K Battien (US), 53.98; 6, A Protti (Switz), 54.25; 7, H Meissner (Ger), 55.28; 8, M Ponomaryova (USSR), 55.27.

High jump

Qualifying

1.92m or leading 12 overall qualify for final

QUALIFIERS: Pool A: 1, A Inveravity (Aus), 1.90m; 2, Y Yelesina (USSR), 1.88; 3, T Bykova (USSR), 1.88; 4, S Novakova (Cz), 1.88; 5, H Balck (Ger), 1.88. Pool B: equal 1, I Babakova (USSR) and S Kostadinova (Bul), 1.90; 3, H Henkel (Ger), 1.90; 4, B Kohler (Ger), 1.90; 5, B Holub (Pol), 1.90; 6, V Ward (Aus), 1.88; 7, J Kovacs (Hun), 1.88. British non-qualifier: D Marti (ninth in pool B, 1.88).

Discus

Qualifying

62.00m or leading 12 overall qualify for final

QUALIFIERS: Pool A: 1, I Wyludda (Ger), 67.72m; 2, D Costian (Aus), 62.74; 3, M Marten (Cuba), 60.88; 4, I Yatchenko (USSR), 60.38; 5, Zhao Yongnua (China), 59.90. Pool B: 1, T Khlestova (Bul), 67.10; 2, M Hellmann (Ger), 65.25; 3, L Mikhaichenko (USSR), 64.68; 4, E Zveryova (USSR), 61.88; 5, Xiao Yanling (China), 61.68; 6, B Hechevarria (Cuba), 60.86; 7, Min Chunfang (China), 59.42. British non-qualifier: J McKernan (eleventh in pool B, 55.64).

TIMETABLE

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Today

01.00: Decathlon, 110m hurdles
01.45: Decathlon, discus, pool A
02.30: Men's shot, qualifying, two pools
03.00: Decathlon, discus, pool B
04.30: Decathlon, pole vault, two pools
08.30: Decathlon, javelin, pool A
08.40: Men's high jump, qualifying, two pools
09.00: Women's 200m, semi-finals
09.30: Men's 1,500m semi-finals; men's long jump, final
09.50: 100m hurdles, final
10.00: Decathlon, javelin, pool B
10.15: 5,000m, heats
11.05: Women's 10,000m, final
11.55: Women's 200m, final
12.15: Decathlon, 1,500m (final event)
23.00: 50km walk

Tomorrow

02.00: Women's javelin, qualifying, pool A
03.20: Women's javelin, qualifying, pool B
05.30: Women's high jump, final
10.10: Women's discus, final
10.20: Women's 4 x 100m relay, heats
10.30: Men's shot, final
10.40: Men's 4 x 100m relay, heats
11.00: Women's 1,500m, final
11.20: 3,000m steeplechase, final
11.45: Women's 4 x 400m relay, heats
12.00: Men's 4 x 400m relay, heats

MEDALS

	G	S	B	Total
Soviet Union	6	5	6	17
United States	6	3	5	14
Germany	3	2	2	7
Kenya	2	1	1	4
Finland	1	1	1	3
China	1	0	0	1
France	1	0	0	1
Italy	1	0	0	1
Poland	1	0	0	1
Zambia	1	0	0	1
Great Britain	0	2	2	4
Hungary	0	1	1	2
Jamaica	0	1	1	2
Romania	0	1	1	2
Brazil	0	1	0	1
Cuba	0	1	0	1
Japan	0	1	0	1
Namibia	0	1	0	1
Netherlands	0	1	0	1
Sweden	0	1	0	1
Canada	0	0	1	1
Morocco	0	0	1	1
Spain	0	0	1	1

RUGBY UNION

France to tackle world without Berbizier's help

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

FRANCE, whose preparations for the World Cup appear to have been nasty and brutish, have found no place for Pierre Berbizier in their squad for the tournament, named yesterday. The Agen scrum half, so long the linchpin of French success, has been overlooked in favour of Henri Sanz and Fabien Galthie.

In view of developments over the past year this is no surprise but, recalling Berbizier's immense contribution to France reaching the final of the 1987 tournament and his tactical direction of so many teams since, it leaves his comparatively inexperienced replacements with a considerable responsibility.

The squad includes only one uncapped player, Jean-Luc Sadourny, the full back in the B international against England last March. Sadourny scored three tries on the four-match tour of the United States in July, a tour distinguished as much by violence during matches and training as anything else.

Many of the American complaints from were directed against Serge Simon, the Bègles prop, after both their original and replacement hookers were injured.

However, Simon and Vincent Moscato, the hooker, have been dropped from the squad. Nor does Philippe Gimbert, their club colleague, appear in the XV which will play Wales next Wednesday to celebrate the new floodlights at Cardiff Arms Park. That team includes 11 players who appeared in the grand-slam decider with England last March, including six of the back division. The Welsh team will be announced today.

Nine members of the French squad appeared in the 1987 World Cup. Eight members of the American squad also took part, including Brian Vizard, who will captain the team. The first French appearance of the World Cup will be against Romania on October 4; the United States, who are in the same pool as England and New Zealand, make their bow against Italy at Otley a day later. They include Gary Hein, the wing who scored such a memorable interception try for Oxford in the 1990 University match.

Because of a strained back, Ian McGeechan, the Scotland coach, was unable to travel with the party, which left Edinburgh yesterday to play Romania in Bucharest tomorrow. In his absence, and that of Jim Telfer, Derrick Grant and Douglas Morgan will oversee the final preparations.

FRANCE (v Wales): S Blanco (Biarritz, captain); J-B Lafond (Racing Club), P Sella (Agen), F Mesnel (Racing Club), P Saint-Andre (Montferrand); D Camberabero (Béziers), H Sanz (Narbonne); G Lascube (Agen), L Armary (Lourdes), P Ondarts (Biarritz), M Courtiols (Bègles), T Devergie (Nîmes), O Roumat (Dax), L Cabannes (Racing Club), M Cecillon (Bourgoin). Replacements: J-L Sadourny (Colomiers), T Lacroix (Dax), F Galthie (Colomiers), P Marocco (Montferrand), J-M Cadieu (Toulouse), P Benetton (Agen).

The World Cup squad is completed by: P Honiss (Biarritz), P Lagisquet (Bayonne), P Gimbert (Bègles), A Benazzi (Agen), E Champ (Toulon).

US WORLD CUP SQUAD: Backs: R Nelson (Belmont Shore), P Sheehy (Washington DC), E Whitaker (Old Blues), G Hein (Old Blues), K Higgins (Old Blues), C Williams (Gentlemen of Aspen), J Burke (Albany Knicks), C O'Brien (Old Blues), M de Jong (Denver Barbarians), B Daily (San Jose Sea Hawks), M Pidcock (Pensacola). Forwards: C Uppert (OMBAC), L Mange (South Jersey), N Mottram (Boulder), F Paoli (Denver Barbarians), A Flay (Jersey Shore), P Johnson (Louisville), C Tunnicliffe (Belmont Shore), K Swords (Beacon Hill), W Leversee (OMBAC), J Williamson (Belmont Shore), M Sewfield (Chicago Lions), B Lipman (Santa Monica), R Fairley (Philadelphia Whitemarsh), A Rikneil (Old Puget Sound Beach), B Vizard (Old Mission Beach Athletic Club, captain).

Cronin called up for match in Bucharest

By ALAN LORIMER

SCOTLAND have been forced to make one change in their team to face Romania in Bucharest tomorrow. Chris Gray, the Nottingham lock, has withdrawn because of an Achilles tendon problem and is replaced by Damian Cronin, of Bath. Cronin will be the front jumper with Weir, his second-row partner, patrolling the middle section of the lineout.

The Scottish party left Edinburgh airport yesterday without the leading coaches, Ian McGeechan and Jim Telfer. McGeechan has strained a muscle in his back and is receiving physiotherapy while Telfer's commitments at Hawick High School prevented him from travelling. The team will be coached by Derrick Grant and Douglas Morgan.

Grant, outlining some of the problems Scotland will face, said: "It will be hard for us to adapt to the heat there but the main difficulty will be that many of our senior players have not played international rugby since the five nations' championship."

Scotland are taking their full World Cup squad of 26 to Bucharest with the exception of David Milne, who has torn a back muscle. His place goes to Alan Watt, the Glasgow High/Kelvinside tight-head prop.

YACHTING

Owners are blown off course by a chill wind

By MALCOLM MCKEAG

THE Royal Yachting Association is to pull out of the Speed Sailing championships, planned for West Kirby in late September, because of lack of entries.

"Speedweek" is the latest sponsored sailing event to feel the cold draft of economic reality, while, ironically, the Corinthian side of yachting is enjoying a boom.

Britain's biggest individual yacht sponsor, Rothmans, has closed its chequebook, along with many of the event sponsors — such as Johnny Walker — who were leading benefactors of the sport. Those sponsored events that do survive are on short commons and thin entry lists.

The self-styled World Yachting Grand Prix, held recently on the Clyde, had promised a travelling circus of 12 to 15 yachts and an event on the scale of "the Olympic Games, the World Cup and Formula One motor racing". In the event, four yachts, two owned by the organisers, appeared before a disappointing crowd.

Yet on the weekend on which only five Ultra 30s flopped around Plymouth Harbour and the world grand prix played to its empty house, 120 inexpensive Topper single-handers enjoyed their national championship, just one of a half-dozen dingy classes to do so.

What the failing events have in common is that the participants cannot afford their sport: someone else must pay. Yet with notable exceptions, yachting has no general public following. Meanwhile yachting's participants grow in number.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Delays in Atlanta are the cause of concern

By JANE WYATT

DOUBTS are beginning to emerge about whether the 1996 Paralympics will be staged in Atlanta, Georgia. Although a feasibility study has been carried out, the organisers have yet to announce whether the competition for athletes with disabilities will go ahead.

When the Atlanta delegation won the bidding in Tokyo for the 1996 Olympics, the presentation included provision for a Paralympics, although this was not a precondition for acting as Olympic host.

Now, it is believed, the organisers may be baulking at the extra cost of providing specialist facilities and housing.

The history of United States involvement with the staging of the Paralympics has not been a happy one, despite the high international standing of its own disabled athletes.

During the Los Angeles Olympics, when Paralympic events were split between venues in Chicago and New York, fundraisers disappeared to Mexico with the money and at the eleventh hour Stoke Mandeville had to fill the breach.

The British Paralympic Association (BPA) is deeply concerned, especially when so much is being done, both at home and abroad, to raise the profile of athletes with disabilities.

"We are unhappy about the uncertainty," Barry Schofield, the general secretary of the BPA, said.

"We want the International Paralympic Committee to apply pressure on the organising body in Atlanta to come to a decision as soon as possible.

"The Paralympics must be held somewhere and we need to know soon what Atlanta intends to do, so that others can be invited to fill the void if necessary."

British officials feel that if smaller countries like Spain and Korea can hold Paralympics, then Atlanta, backed by the resources of the Coca-Cola company, should certainly be able to so so.

"The Spanish are pulling out all the stops," a BPA spokeswoman, Karen Pritchard, said. "It is costing them a fortune but they are showing they have respect for the competitors.

"Our people train really hard and they need to know that it doesn't all stop with Barcelona next year."

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betts brought in to fill Goodway gap

By KEITH MACKLIN

AS THE Ellery Hanley stalemate continued, Wigan yesterday lost his replacement, Andy Goodway, with a broken arm and turned to Warrington for forward cover.

When the injury received by Goodway in Sunday's CIS charity Shield game was diagnosed as his second broken arm in 12 months, Wigan went to Warrington to sign the utility forward, Billy McGinty, for £60,000.

Denis Betts will replace Hanley and Goodway at loose forward for Sunday's opening league game at Castleford. Betts was the special guest yesterday at the launch of the *1991-92 Rothmans Rugby League Yearbook* at Chorley.

☐ The crisis at Wakefield Trinity has been resolved and, the club will stay in existence following a financial support deal struck with the local authority.

☐ Scarborough Pirates have issued a plea for a doctor's services for their first league game, against Huddersfield on Sunday. If they do not find a club doctor by Sunday, the match could be postponed under league regulations.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Bills may break the NFC stranglehold

By ROBERT KIRLEY

THE National Football League season begins on Sunday with 28 clubs aiming for a place in Super Bowl XXVI in Minneapolis on January 26. The National Football Conference (NFC) has produced seven Super Bowl winners in succession and nine of the last ten.

Gone are the days of the six-touchdown drubbings, however. Last January, the Buffalo Bills lost to the New York Giants 20-19 and missed victory because of an errant last-second field-goal attempt. The American Football Conference (AFC) is ready to break through.

NFC supremacy is declining. Only five NFC teams had more wins than defeats last season. Even the San Francisco 49ers, "the team of the Eighties", are starting to creak in the Nineties. Joe Montana, afflicted with tendinitis in his throwing elbow, will miss at least the first month of the season. Montana, who will not undergo surgery, sat out the last three exhibition games. His splendid backup, Steve Young, induced to stay with a contract that places him among the ten best-paid quarterbacks, will start against the New York Giants on Monday.

The Philadelphia Eagles, swaggering NFC tough guys in recent seasons, appear to be wheezing. Wait about a half-dozen games before the Philly faithful start chanting: "Bring back Buddy." Buddy Ryan, the irascible coach who specialised in bad-attitude defensive tactics, was dismissed after the club's third consecutive defeat in a play-off opener.

Other signs are bad for the NFC. When the spectacular Raghib "Rocket" Ismail learned that the Dallas Cowboys had angled to draft him, the Notre Dame player quickly signed a mega-buck deal with the Toronto Argonauts, of the Canadian Football League.

In the NFC East, the dangerous Washington Redskins will count on solid contributions from their quarterbacks, Mark Rypien and Stan Humphries. In the NFC Central, the weakest of all divisions, the problem, as usual, is quarterbacks. Vinny Testaverde, of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, must throw more completions than interceptions. Don Majkowski, of the Green Bay Packers, underwent shoulder surgery, so Anthony Dilweg and the former Bear, Mike Tomczak, must look sharp, not to mention look *for* Sharpe. Sterling Sharpe is one of the best receivers in the league.

Kelly: at peak of his form

In the NFC West, the lacklustre Atlanta Falcons have 16 No. 1 draft choices, more than any other team, but Jerry Glanville will continue to be a better comic than a coach.

The Bills are the best of the AFC with Jim Kelly, their quarterback, in peak form, but the Miami Dolphins should challenge. The clubs go *mano a mano* on Sunday. The Houston Oilers, led by the run-and-shoot quarterback, Warren Moon, will be strong in the AFC Central.

In the AFC West, the Kansas City Chiefs should be legitimate Super Bowl contenders. They won six of their last seven games last season before botching a two-touchdown lead against Miami in the play-offs. They will want to continue their dominance of the Los Angeles Raiders, who acquired Ronnie Lott and Roger Craig from San Francisco. Raiders have presumably the formidable services of Bo Jackson, who is making a comeback in the Chicago White Sox baseball system after sustaining a serious football injury.

Todd Marinovich is waiting for his chance with the Raiders. The southpaw passer left the University of Southern California after two seasons and is looking good. This is the carrot-topped "bionic boy" who studied art and never ate junk food in his life but got expelled last winter on drugs charges.

1991-2 PREDICTIONS: American Conference: East: 1, Buffalo Bills; 2, Miami Dolphins; 3, Indianapolis Colts; 4, NY Jets; 5, New England Patriots. Central: 1, Houston Oilers; 2, Cincinnati Bengals; 3, Pittsburgh Steelers; 4, Cleveland Browns. West: 1, Kansas City Chiefs; 2, LA Raiders; 3, Denver Broncos; 4, Seattle Seahawks; 5, San Diego Chargers. Wild cards: Miami, Cincinnati, Raiders. Champions: Buffalo. National Conference: East: 1, Washington Redskins; 2, NY Giants; 3, Dallas Cowboys; 4, Philadelphia Eagles; 5, Phoenix Cardinals. Central: 1, Chicago Bears; 2, Minnesota Vikings; 3, Green Bay Packers; 4, Tampa Bay Buccaneers; 5, Detroit Lions. West: 1, San Francisco 49ers; 2, New Orleans Saints; 3, Atlanta Falcons; 4, LA Rams. Wild cards: Giants, Dallas, New Orleans. Champions: Washington. Super Bowl XXVI (at Minneapolis on January 26): Buffalo 24, Washington 14.

FIXTURES: Sunday: Atlanta at Kansas City; Cincinnati at Denver; Dallas at Cleveland; LA Raiders at Houston; Miami at Buffalo; Minnesota at Chicago; New England at Indianapolis; Philadelphia at Green Bay; Phoenix at LA Rams; San Diego at Pittsburgh; Seattle at New Orleans; Tampa Bay at NY Jets; Detroit at Washington. Monday: San Francisco at NY Giants

League may expand

BARRING labour difficulties, the National Football League will add two clubs for the 1994 season for a league of six divisions of five teams each (Robert Kirley writes). The estimated cost for a club will be $125 million (£74 million). The leading contenders are Charlotte, Baltimore, St Louis and Sacramento. Others are Memphis, Jacksonville, San Antonio and Oakland. The main factor in realignment will be — surprise, surprise — television.

The league wants to shift some bigger markets from the CBS network (NFC coverage) to NBC (AFC coverage) to balance the rights fees. Buffalo and Indianapolis might move to the NFC, Dallas and Phoenix to the AFC. Of course, when the networks talk, the league listens. Television will provide each club with $28.2 million this year, $34 million in 1992 and $39 million in 1993. Trends in advertising will probably cause a downturn in revenues by 1994, when a new television contract will take effect.

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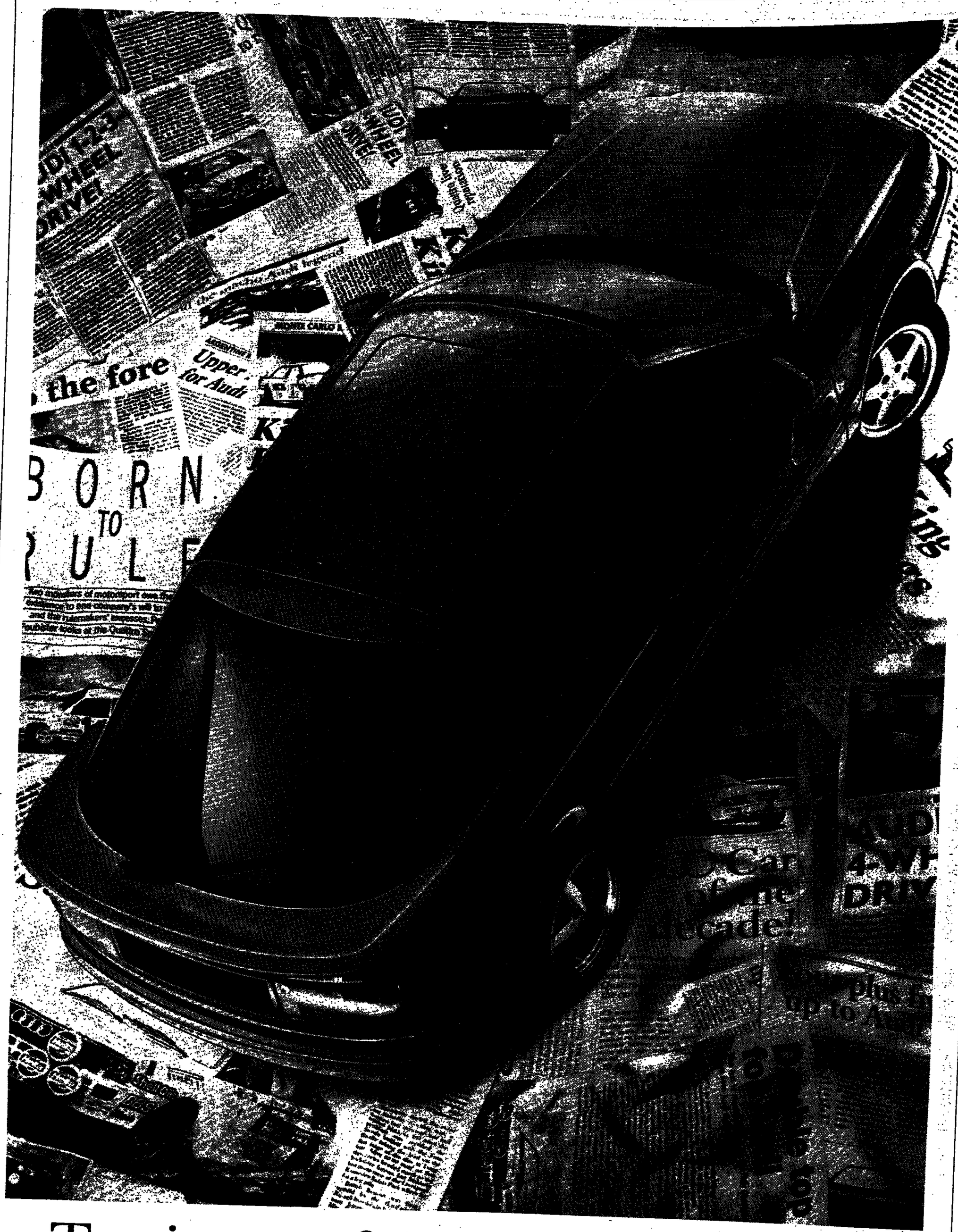

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Artic Tracker to confirm promise

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

ANOTHER glimpse of Artic Tracker, the current ante-post favourite for next year's 2,000 guineas, is the treat in store for racegoers at Sandown today.

While it would have been fascinating to see Rodrigo De Triano also contesting the Solario Stakes, the opposition for this group three race is still strong enough to give Artic Tracker a good test.

So far, the Charlie Nelson-trained colt has been seen only at Newmarket and Newbury winning lesser events.

When a horse wins as easily as he did on his debut there are usually only two explanations; either the winner is well above average or the opposition was mediocre.

In Artic Tracker's case, two of those left trailing in his wake at Newmarket have come out and won since, while he himself maintained an unbeaten record by landing the Donnington Castle Stakes far more easily than the judge's verdict of a length might indicate.

Although the runner-up Jape has not been seen again, the third, Spanish Storm, has run well enough at Newmarket and The Curragh to suggest that Artic Tracker had put up a smart performance at Newbury.

Afterwards, his trainer immediately nominated today's seven-furlong race as his next objective while his jockey, John Reid, compared the feeling that he had just had very favourably indeed to the one that he used to enjoy when riding that top-class colt Royal Academy. Coming from one so conservative as Reid, that was praise indeed.

Since then everything has gone according to plan at home. What I liked about Artic Tracker at Newbury was the apparent ease and speed with which he moved from last to first while his jockey remained motionless.

While respecting the claims of the Ascot winner Seattle Rhyme, and Taylor Quigley, who was runner-up to River Falls in the Gimcrack Stakes at York nine days ago, I still feel that Mutabahi could easily turn out to be Artic Tracker's main rival, more especially since his connections would not have preferred this difficult task to the easier Bonusprint Champion Two-Year-Old Trophy at Ripon last Monday without good reason.

Mutabahi must have shown considerable ability on Newmarket Heath in the spring because he was made favourite for his first race at Newbury in mid-May, a race won by Dr Devious from Dilum. No-one should need reminding about their ability, and Mutabahi was not disgraced in finishing fourth.

Because of the virus, he was not seen in public again for nearly three months but when he did reappear at Goodwood he did not disappoint, beating the useful Kayvee quite snugly. Since then Mutabahi has continued to work like a smart colt and, in going nap on Artic Tracker, I take Mutabahi for the forecast.

Twelve months ago, the corresponding programme began with Jack Berry winning the August Claiming Stakes with Sharp Anne.

Now history looks like repeating itself, this time with **Doublova**, who has already won three similar races this term, taking the prize back to Lancashire.

Well that the unbeaten White Blade should go in the Singapore Airlines Non-stop Nursery even under his big weight, I still marginally prefer another penalised runner Mrs Fisher, an emphatic winner at Newcastle on Monday.

The Atalanta Stakes can go to **Melpomene**, who was far from disgraced in the Hungerford Stakes at Newbury last time.

The veteran Epsom trainer Ron Smyth, who announced his forthcoming retirement earlier this week, can capture the *People-Sporting Life* Championship Handicap with **Dagger Point**, whose dead-heat at Windsor with Nibs Point now looks all the more meritorious since the latter has won the Galtres Stakes at York.

Blinkered first time

SANDOWN PARK: 2.35 Captain Ken. 4.10 Sheffaaf. CHESTER: 3.30 Crystal Jack. THIRSK: 2.45 Mu-Arrik, Pigalle Wonder, Galaxy Express, Bessie Surtees. 3.15 Hilltown Blues. 5.20 Dazzling Maid.

Sangster has enviable profit margin with Dr Devious

By RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

WHO said racing cannot be made to pay? Certainly not Robert Sangster.

The leading owner during the mid-Eighties before the Dubai battalions arrived has just sold Dr Devious, winner of the Lanson Champagne Stakes at Goodwood, for £250,000 to Luciano del Bono, the Italian owner of former Arc winner Tony Bin.

However, Sangster will continue to lease the Ahonoora colt until after the Tattersalls Tiffany Highflyer Stakes, which carries a £500,000 bonus for the winner.

Dr Devious, winner of three of his four races this year, is likely to start a warm favourite for the race at Newmarket on October 2 and victory would complete the shrewdest of business deals by the Isle of Man-based tax exile.

Dr Devious, bred by Sangster, was sent to the sales last year to dissolve a partnership and bought back by him for £56,000. He has recouped most of the sale price thanks to the £48,000 prize-money won by Dr Devious this year. Victory at Newmarket would leave him with a profit of around £750,000.

"I am leasing Dr Devious until after the Tiffany race and the horse will remain in training with Peter Chapple-Hyam for this year at least," Sangster said from France yesterday.

The London Brick Company Selling Stakes, worth £1,816 to the winner at sunny Lingfield yesterday, is at the opposite end of the racing spectrum. The 14 contestants in one of the worst contests of the season had mustered two victories from 125 previous starts — and yet the race produced a moment of high emotion.

Vaniski, a four-year-old of "little account" according to *Timeform*, has never threatened to be placed in his previous five races, let alone win. But every race must have a winner and yesterday it was his turn, romping in by eight lengths at 33-1, and paying 129-1 on the Tote.

Sangster: chasing £500,000 bonus in Highflyer Stakes

Linda Abbott, Vaniski's devoted 23-year-old lass, hugged her hero on his return to the winner's enclosure, but then began sobbing uncontrollably as she realised her charge was coming up for auction and might leave her care.

The tears continued rolling down her cheeks as auctioneer Mike Foster sought an opening bid for Vaniski. After a couple of minutes, which must have seemed like a lifetime to her, the sale ended with no bid.

To the cheers of spectators, she wrapped both her arms around the bay gelding and almost danced off to the racecourse stables.

"I was just holding my breath during the auction. I was ready to go and thump anyone who bid for him," she joked. "I just love him. He has such a wonderful character."

The joy for the lass and Barbara Waring, Vaniski's trainer, was continued two hours later when Nazare Blue gained a last-stride win in the John Carr Joinery Handicap.

The first-ever double for the Chippenham trainer was worth 254-1 or 1,130-1 on the Tote.

John Dunlop has probably lost count of the number of doubles achieved during his distinguished career but the victory of Alhijaz in the Redland Plasterboard Stakes will have come as a welcome relief as it ended a losing run stretching back 21 days.

"We have had a quiet time with our two-year-olds. We could not put our finger on what was wrong, but they were being challenged by something but it appears to be over now," Mark Campion, assistant to Dunlop, said.

Roland O'Sullivan has only ten horses in his Bognór Regis stable but Belmoredean's win in the Cementone-Beaver Handicap was his fourth since Saturday.

"We don't do badly for a small yard. We had 23 horses last year but the recession has hit us. Most of our owners are small businessmen, such as the local butcher or car mechanic, and they have been worst affected by the recession," the winning trainer said.

Double chance for Piggott

LESTER Piggott is in action again at Baden-Baden today when he rides Richard Hannon's Showbrook in the group two £34,602 Moet et Chandon Rennen over six furlongs. Also in this race is Roger Charlton's Gold Desert (Tony Cruz) and Philip Mitchell's Sylvan Sabre (John Williams).

Piggott has also been booked for Peter Walwyn's Northern Hal in the £10,381 listed Preis der Stadt Baden-Baden over ten furlongs.

SANDOWN PARK

MANDARIN
2.00 Doublova.
2.35 Mrs Fisher.
3.10 Melpomene.
3.40 ARTIC TRACKER (nap).
4.10 Dagger Point.
4.45 Mohican Girl.

THUNDERER
2.00 PARIOS (nap).
2.35 White Blade.
3.10 Capriati.
3.40 Artic Tracker.
4.10 Dagger Point.
4.45 Mohican Girl.

RICHARD EVANS
2.00 Doublova.
3.40 Artic Tracker.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 Mutabahi.

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103 (8) 211123 TANGO TIME 9 (CD,F,S) (R Shannon) R Hannon 8-9 ..... R Perham (5) 83
104 (7) 222148 GREEN'S LE SIDANER 14 (BF,F) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 8-6 ..... T Quinn 70
105 (4) 105121 DOUBLOVA 11 (D,F,G,S) (Moss Side Racing Group) J Berry 8-2 ..... M Hills ● 99
106 (3) 00 FORLORN DIVER 32 (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 8-2 ..... A Tucker (5) —
107 (6) 0-0 PAMBANEE 84 (R Thomas) D Wilson 8-1 ..... G Duffield —
108 (9) 0-50000 LUCAYA 11 (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 8-0 ..... A Mackay —
109 (1) 2-84203 FAY'S SONG 18 (D,F) (S Harper) R Akehurst 7-12 ..... W Carson 84
110 (10) 000006 PARTY TREAT 2 (B) (C Batt) T Casey 7-12 ..... D McKay 59
111 (11) 223231 MISDEMEANOURS GIRL 56 (CD,S) (Miss D Wheatley) M Channon 7-9 .. B Doyle (5) 82

BETTING: 13-8 Doublova, 100-30 Tango Time, 9-2 Fay's Song, 6-1 Parios, 8-1 Misdemeanours Girl, 12-1 Green's Le Sidaner, 14-1 others.

1990: SHARP ANNE 7-13 N Adams (5-1) J Berry 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

PARIOS 4l last of 6 to Marastib in a handicap at Redcar (5f, good to firm). Previously, made all to beat Samsolom 3l in similar race at Doncaster (5f, good). POETS COVE's best effort this season was when 2½l 3rd to Persanali on reappearance at Folkestone (6f, firm). TANGO TIME 3l 3rd to Food of Love in a handicap at York (5f, good). DOUBLOVA easily beat Ruth's Gamble 3½l at Hamilton (6f, firm). FAY'S SONG 3l 3rd to Pipsqueak at Leicester (6f, good). MISDEMEANOURS GIRL beat Heaven-High-Grey ½l in a handicap over course and distance (good to soft).
Selection: FAY'S SONG

2.35 SINGAPORE AIRLINES NON-STOP NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £5,117: 1m 14yd) (10 runners) C4

201 (7) 11 WHITE BLADE 8 (F) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-12 (Sex) ..... A Clark 94
202 (5) 21211 MRS FISHER 4 (F,G) (G Waters) M Prescott 8-5 (Sex) ..... G Duffield 87
203 (1) 2401 SALT WHISTLE 41 (G) (R Bernard) R Hannon 9-4 ..... R Perham (5) ● 99
204 (8) 623212 WELL APPOINTED 8 (F) (T Connors) R Stubbs 8-11 ..... — 96
205 (3) 13 ZAMIRAH 21 (G) (Mrs C Lilley) G Wragg 8-10 ..... F Norton (5) 87
206 (10) 60641 COOL SOCIETY 4 (D,F) (J Mitchell) C Nelson 8-7 (Sex) ..... J Reid 94
207 (6) 323615 HI DOL 15 (B,BF,F) (V Fetah) G Lewis 8-2 ..... W Carson 94
208 (9) 020 KING OF NORMANDY 65 (Mrs L Davies) R Hannon 8-1 ..... T Williams 88
209 (2) 04332 CAPTAIN KEN 37 (V,BF) (J Bull) M Tompkins 8-1 ..... Dale Gibson 88
210 (4) 530434 CRACKLING 20 (D Merchent) D Marks 7-12 ..... Antoinette Armes (7) 96

BETTING: 4-1 Mrs Fisher, 9-2 White Blade, 6-1 Salt Whistle, Zamirah, 8-1 Crackling, Well Appointed, 10-1 Hi Dol, King Of Normandy, 16-1 others.

1990: MADAGANS GREY 8-2 L Dettori (13-2) R Boss 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

WHITE BLADE completed double when beating Native Chieftan 1½l at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). MRS FISHER beat Elegant Touch 2½l at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). Previously, had CRACKLING (12lb better off) 5l back in 3rd when head 2nd to Mystical Dancer at Brighton (7f, good to firm), and beat WELL APPOINTED (9lb better off) 2l at Newcastle (7f, firm). SALT WHISTLE beat Jubal Early ¾l at Newmarket (7f, good). WELL APPOINTED 1½l 2nd to Primus at Yarmouth (7f, firm). COOL SOCIETY beat Kentucky Starlet a short head at Warwick (1m, good to firm). HI DOL, hampered last time out, beat Pharlander 2½l at Redcar (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: WELL APPOINTED

3.10 ATALANTA STAKES (Listed race: fillies: £8,828: 1m 14yd) (7 runners) C4

301 (7) 2-110 PFALZ 27 (CD,F,G) (Snailwell Stud Company Ltd) M Stoute 3-9-1 ..... W Carson 93
302 (4) 123323- ATLANTIC FLYER 335 (F) (Mrs B Fecchino) J Sutcliffe 3-8-9 ..... NON-RUNNER —
303 (5) 23 CAPRIATI 51 (BF) (C St. George) H Cecil 3-8-8 ..... M Roberts 79
304 (6) 4241 HYABELLA 28 (D,G) (Helena Springfield Ltd) M Stoute 3-8-9 ..... Pat Eddery 82
305 (2) 12-15 MELPOMENE 14 (D,BF,F) (Lord Camarvon) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-9 W R Swinburn ● 99
306 (3) 31-422 SHAIMA 24 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-9 ..... L Dettori 92
307 (1) 0-6331 VALLAURIS 42 (G) (Mrs D Joly) D Elsworth 3-8-9 ..... T Quinn 75

BETTING: 5-2 Melpomene, 7-2 Hyabella, 4-1 Shaima, 5-1 Pfalz, 8-1 Capriati, 10-1 Vallauris.

1990: ARPERO 3-8-9 G Duffield (6-1) M Prescott 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

PFALZ beat Crystal Path neck in a listed race over course and distance (good) on penultimate start. CAPRIATI 2l 3rd to subsequently demoted Nibbs Point in a maiden at Newmarket (1m 2f, good), with HYABELLA (same terms) a head 4th. HYABELLA beat Oh Mercy 1½l in a graduation race at Newmarket (1m, good). MELPOMENE 3l 5th to Only Yours in group III Hungerford Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to firm). SHAIMA ½l 2nd to Filshi at Brighton (1m, good to firm). VALLAURIS best Border Mate neck in a handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good).
Selection: PFALZ

3.40 SOLARIO STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O: £20,328: 7f 16yd) (7 runners) C4

401 (6) 11 ARTIC TRACKER 41 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Weatherby) C Nelson 8-11 ..... J Reid ● 99
402 (7) 41111 CHICMOND 16 (D,F,S) (P Goulandris) M Prescott 8-11 ..... G Duffield 87
403 (4) 21 MACK THE KNIFE 28 (D,G) (Sir John Astor) W Hern 8-11 ..... W R Swinburn 88
404 (1) 41 MUTABAHI 28 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-11 ..... W Carson 89
405 (2) 3 RULLY 43 (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 8-11 ..... M Roberts 66
406 (3) 1 SEATTLE RHYME 34 (G) (H Senn) D Elsworth 8-11 ..... Pat Eddery 98
407 (5) 212 TAYLOR QUIGLEY 9 (F) (Agham House Stud) C Allen 8-11 ..... T Quinn 98

BETTING: 10-11 Artic Tracker, 3-1 Seattle Rhyme, 5-1 Mutabahi, 8-1 Mack The Knife, 12-1 Chicmond, 20-1 Rully, 25-1 Taylor Quigley.

1990: RADWELL 8-11 G Duffield (12-1) J Fanshawe 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARTIC TRACKER eased down, impressively beat Jape 1l at Newbury (7f, good to firm). Previously, beat Martenda light 10l in a maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). CHICMOND best Mackenes Pride 3l at Southwell (AW, 7f, standard). Previously, beat Sylvan Sabre (gave 6lb) 1½l at Ayr (6f, soft). MACK THE KNIFE pushed out, beat Surf 2l in a maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). Previously, 2½l 2nd to Impressive Phylisi, there, (6f, good). MUTABAHI beat Kayvee ½l in a maiden at Goodwood (6f, good). Previously, 10¼l 4th to Dr Devious and Dilum at Newbury (6f, good to soft). RULLY 6l 3rd to Captain Horatius in a maiden over course and distance (good to soft). SEATTLE RHYME best Underwater 1½l in a valuable maiden at Ascot (6f, good). TAYLOR QUIGLEY 3½l 2nd to River Falls in group II Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes at York (6f, good). Previously, beat Commanche Dancer ¾l in a maiden auction at Yarmouth (6f, good to firm).
Selection: ARTIC TRACKER

4.10 PEOPLE-SPORTING LIFE CHAMPIONSHIP HANDICAP (Qualifier: 3-Y-O: £5,236: 1m 1f) (11 runners) C4

501 (2) 563216 BLUE AEROPLANE 29 (B,C,F,G) (C Wright) P Cole 9-7 ..... T Quinn 97
502 (3) 21-0420 EXCLUSIVE VIRTUE 58 (F) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 9-5 ..... R Cochrane 96
503 (4) 01-1220 LOVEALOCH 97 (F,G) (A Lillingston) M Bell 8-13 ..... M Hills 90
504 (1) 31 DAGGER POINT 27 (G) (K Abdulla) R Smyth 8-13 ..... Pat Eddery 85
505 (7) 0-35511 COLOUR SERGEANT 20 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 ..... W R Swinburn 93
506 (6) 000211 DASWAKI 23 (F,S) (D Allen) R Hannon 8-9 ..... B Raude ● 99
507 (10) 431450 BALLERINA BAY 6 (G) (Mrs C Whitwood) D Thom 7-9 ..... D Harrison (7) 97
508 (11) 40-0055 AGHNIYAH 28 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 7-8 ..... W Carson 96
509 (8) 03013 SHINE ON BRIGHTLY 15 (C Wright) J Toller 7-7 ..... Jaid Houston 96
510 (5) 6000U0 SHAFFAAF 8 (B) (H Al-Maktoum) A Scott 7-7 ..... L Newton (5) 92
511 (9) 0-365 FRIEND OF A FRIEND 77 (Friendly Society) J Scargill 7-7 ..... F Norton (5) 82

Long handicap: Shine On Brightly 7-8, Shaffaaf 7-8, Friend Of A Friend 7-8.

BETTING: 4-1 Dagger Point, 9-2 Colour Sergeant, 5-1 Daswaki, Exclusive Virtue, 10-1 Aghniyah, Blue Aeroplane, Shaffaaf, 12-1 Shine On Brightly, 14-1 Lovealoch, 20-1 Ballerina Bay, 33-1 Friend Of A Friend.

1990: YOU KNOW THE RULES 7-10 C Rutter (5-1) M Channon 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLUE AEROPLANE best Dream Carrier (nec 19lb) a neck, here, (7f, good) on penultimate start. EXCLUSIVE VIRTUE 10l 7th to You Know The Rules in a valuable handicap, here, (1m 2f, good). Previously, 1l 2nd to Cordina at Haydock (1m 2f 110yd, good to firm). LOVEALOCH 2½l 2nd to Emilia Romagna at York (1m, good to firm) in May. DAGGER POINT dead-heated with Nibbs Point in a maiden at Windsor (1m 2f, good). COLOUR SERGEANT best Kirsan easy-folding 1½l at Southwell (AW, 1m, standard). Previously, 7½l 5th to Ajaad at Royal Ascot (1m, good to firm) and 4½l 5th to Taladdum at Haydock (1m 40yd, good) in May, with LOVEALOCH (3lb better off) 3½l 5th. DASWAKI beat Champenoise a neck at Kempton (1m, good to soft), with AGHNIYAH (12lb better off) 8½l 5th.
Selection: COLOUR SERGEANT

4.45 WEST END FILLIES GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £4,264: 1m 3f 91yd) (7 runners)

601 (5) 13 HONEYCHURCH 41 (B) (Baron Edouard de Rothschild) L Cumani 9-4 .. L Dettori 92
602 (2) 124 MOHICAN GIRL 56 (C,BF,G) (A Cane) J Fanshawe 9-4 ..... W R Swinburn ● 99
603 (4) 000 ABSENT RELATIVE 85 (Mrs J Froome) Miss B Sanders 8-11 ..... W Newnes 70
604 (7) 5 DREAMTIME QUEST 37 (M Heaton) R Hannon 8-11 ..... R Perham (5) —
605 (3) 433 SHIAVONA 57 (Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum) C Brittain 8-11 ..... M Roberts 83
606 (1) SIFTON'S PRIDE (Mrs J Sifton) G Harwood 8-11 ..... R Cochrane —
607 (6) 32 SIMPLY AFLAME 22 (D Larke) D Arbuthnot 8-11 ..... T Quinn 57

BETTING: 2-1 Mohican Girl, 3-1 Honeychurch, 4-1 Sifton's Pride, 6-1 Shiavona, 8-1 Dreamtime Quest, 16-1 Simply Aflame, 20-1 Absent Relative.

1990: BAWBEE 9-4 J Reid (10-1) R Johnson Houghton 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

HONEYCHURCH 3l 3rd to Lord Charmer at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). Previously, beat Sherroog 1½l in a maiden at Haydock (1m 2f 110yd, good). SHIAVONA (7lb better off) 4l 3rd. MOHICAN GIRL 12¾l 4th to Patricia in group III Lancashire Oaks at Haydock (1m 4f, good to firm). Previously, beat Finance Dancer 1l in a maiden, here, (1m 2f, good), with ABSENT RELATIVE (7lb better off) 11l 10th. DREAMTIME QUEST 19l 5th of 6 to Always Friendly in maiden, here, (1m 2f, good to soft). SIMPLY AFLAME was a neck 2nd of 3 to subsequent winner Itgan in a maiden at Brighton (1m 4f, good to firm). SIFTON'S PRIDE is by Majesty's Prince, a dual grade I 1m 5f winner in the United States. First foal of sprint maiden.
Selection: MOHICAN GIRL (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J Scargill	3	9	33.3	Pat Eddery	57	269	21.2
L Cumani	16	51	31.4	R Perham	4	20	20.0
Lord Huntingdon	3	10	30.0	R Cochrane	31	160	19.4
M Channon	5	17	29.4	G Duffield	9	54	16.7
H Cecil	18	62	29.0	W R Swinburn	32	201	15.9
M Prescott	6	21	28.6	L Dettori	11	70	15.7

☐ Northern-based jockey Nicky Connorton has been granted a temporary licence to ride in Macau during October and November.

☐ Mellottie, originally installed at 22-1 for the Cambridgeshire with sponsors William Hill, is now 16-1 clear favourite for the big Newmarket handicap.

CHESTER

MANDARIN
2.30 Charly Pharly.
3.00 Halbert.
3.30 City Link Pet.
4.00 Green Lane.
4.30 Ameer Dalham.
5.00 Arabellajill.
5.30 Dominant Serenade.

THUNDERER
2.30 Charly Pharly.
3.00 Halbert.
3.30 Mertola's Pet.
4.00 Dance Partout.
4.30 Chief Of Staff.
5.00 Arabellajill.
5.30 Owner's Dream.

RICHARD EVANS
3.30 PLAYFUL POET (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 Northwold Star.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F 16YD-7F 2YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 WIRRAL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,003: 1m 2f 75yd) (10 runners)

1 (4) 228603 PRINCESS ROXANNE 20 (B) (H O'Donnell) A Bailey 4-9-10 ..... D Wright 93
2 (1) 561110 CHARLY PHARLY 4 (B,D,BF,F,S) (F Lee) F Lee 4-9-9 (7ex) ..... E Husband 98
3 (9) 014042 BROUGHTON BLUES 20 (BF,S) (Broughton Insulation) W Musson 3-8-10 P Bowe (3) 95
4 (2) 400-000 BARACHOIS PRINCESS 14 (J Graham) R Hollinshead 4-8-7 ..... G Parkin 89
5 (5) 020350 GREAT GUSTO 20 (F) (Mrs S Brown) R Holder 5-8-6 ..... S Drowne ● 99
6 (3) 00/005-0 EARTHLY PLEASURE 6 (Mrs V Harrison) W Brisbourne 5-8-0 ..... S Sanders 82
7 (7) 0-00635 INDIVISIBLE 11 (Mrs A Mutch) R Hollinshead 5-7-12 ..... M Humphries 97
8 (8) 4000-00 KINDLY LADY 20 (C Hill) C Hill 3-7-9 ..... C Hawksley —
9 (10) 50-0604 INTO THE FUTURE 13J (J Vowles) A Stringer 4-7-7 ..... Michael Hunt 98
10 (6) 000000 NAFPLION 14 (B) (Miss P Kissock-Smith) R Peacock 6-7-7 ..... A Garth —

Long handicap: Into The Future 7-6, Nafplion 7-5.

BETTING: 5-2 Cherry Pherly, 4-1 Princess Roxanne, 5-1 Broughton Blues, 6-1 Indivisible, 7-1 Great Gusto, 10-1 Barachois Princess, 12-1 Into The Future, 16-1 others.

1990: CORMORANT CREEK 3-9-10 G Parkin (11-2) B Hills 14 ran

3.00 EBF COMBERMERE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,720: 5f 16yd) (9 runners)

1 (4) 34 HALBERT 28 (G Greenwood) R Hannon 9-0 ..... S Whitworth ● 99
2 (6) 2634 MAKE MUSIC 21 (Mrs C Robinson) J Berry 9-0 ..... J Carroll 97
3 (9) 00606 SEA CRUSADER 13 (Seven Seas Racing) M Blanshard 9-0 ..... C Rutter 68
4 (1) 02 SETO CITY 11 (Mrs B Taylor) S Mellor 9-0 ..... Dana Mellor 96
5 (7) 4 SHARP AS YOU LIKE 25 (R Bedding) J Etherington 9-0 ..... A Munro 91
6 (8) 00026 SONDERISE 6 (Mrs D Wright) N Tinkler 9-0 ..... G Carter 91
7 (3) MAGIC STEPS (Miss M Carrington-Smith) C Brittain 8-9 ..... G Crealock —
8 (5) 20 RED VERONA 6 (P Blacker) E Wheeler 8-9 ..... S Dawson 89
9 (2) 00 TINA MEENA LISA 74 (Echoline Ltd) E Owen jnr 8-9 ..... V Bray (7) —

BETTING: 9-4 Halbert, 7-2 Seto City, 4-1 Sharp As You Like, 6-1 Make Music, 12-1 Magic Steps, Sonderise, 14-1 Red Verona, 16-1 others.

1990: LUCY DANCER 8-9 A Clark (8-1) M McCormack 8 ran

3.30 KIDSONS IMPEY HANDICAP (£7,408: 5f 16yd) (15 runners)

1 (1) 020432 VICEROY 13 (B,D,F,G) (F Gamma) W Pearce 4-9-10 ..... G Carter 98
2 (10) 031530 CRYSTAL JACK 23 (V,CD,F,G) (Mrs B Fecchino) F Lee 3-9-4 ..... S Perks 99
3 (4) 1-31004 MACFARLANE 56 (CD,G,S) (P Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 3-9-4 J Quinn 91
4 (8) 141300 WANDA 13 (D,G,S) (E Mangan) K Burke 4-8-13 ..... A Culhane 92
5 (5) 005020 CROFT IMPERIAL 13 (V,D,BF,F,S) (Mrs B Matthews) M Johnston 4-8-13 ... J Carroll 93
6 (11) 013405 ABU HANIFAH 6 (D,G,S) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 3-8-11 ..... — 90
7 (13) 036010 CITY LINK PET 4 (D,F,G) (R Thomas) D Wilson 5-8-10 ..... S O'Gorman (3) ● 99
8 (15) 414-006 RAWAABE 70 (D,S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-10 ..... R Hills 95
9 (9) 600501 PLAYFUL POET 34 (D,G,S) (P Bourke) M H Easterby 4-8-8 ..... M Birch 92
10 (2) 0-51250 MERTOLA'S PET 41 (D,F) (J George) L Cottrell 5-8-7 ..... A Munro 84
11 (3) 013148 SPORTS POST LADY 13 (D,F,G) (C Hill) C Hill 3-8-6 ..... N Adams 93
12 (12) 284605 GONDO 13 (V,F) (M O'Brien) E Alston 4-8-4 ..... K Fallon 93
13 (7) 00-5656 ANKARA'S PRINCESS 56 (CD,F) (J Graham) R Hollinshead 4-8-2 ..... A Garth (7) 89
14 (6) 50-0040 R A EXPRESS 25 (CD,G) (R Holdings Ltd) B McMahon 6-7-7 ..... S Sanders (7) 85
15 (14) 660401 APRES HUIT 14 (D,F) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 4-7-7 ..... D Biggs (5) 90

Long handicap: Apres Huit 7-3.

BETTING: 7-1 Viceroy, Mertola's Pet, Playful Poet, 8-1 City Link Pet, Gondo, 10-1 Sports Post Lady, 12-1 Croft Imperial, Crystal Jack, Macfarlane, 14-1 Abu Hanifah, Ankara's Princess, Apres Huit, 16-1 Rawaabe, 20-1 others.

1990: LOVE LEGEND 5-9-6 S Whitworth (14-1) D Arbuthnot 12 ran

4.00 MONTE CASSINO VETERANS HANDICAP (£7,096: 1m 7f 195yd) (10 runners)

1 (8) 229-015 FRENCH IVY 95 (G) (K Flood) Mrs A King 4-10-0 ..... K Fallon 85
2 (4) 251100 BEAU QUEST 9 (V,C,F,G) (G Farndon) R Woodhouse 4-8-11 ..... A Munro ● 99
3 (2) 111156 DANCE PARTOUT 30 (F,G,S) (W Said) N Callaghan 3-8-11 ..... G Carter 94
4 (1) 410642 POSTAGE STAMP 21 (D,F) (The Losers Owners Group) J Hills 4-8-11 ..... R Hills 89
5 (9) 2246-32 NORTHWOLD STAR 7 (F,G) (T Jennings) D Thom 5-8-9 ..... J Carroll 89
6 (6) 413331 GREEN LANE 15 (D,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-8-7 ..... S O'Gorman (3) 95
7 (3) 531255 WELSHMAN 44 (S) (B Oxton) M Blanshard 5-7-8 ..... C Rutter 98
8 (5) 5-04662 SPOOF 18 (S Hunnjak and B King) M Hammond 4-7-7 ..... N Adams 94
9 (7) 003002 VAIN PRINCE 13J (C,F) (A Findlay) N Tinkler 4-7-7 ..... Kim Tinkler 95
10 (10) 004160 SPRING FORWARD 21 (V,CD,F,G,S) (G Whittaker) R Peacock 7-7-7 ..... J Quinn 77

Long handicap: Spoof 7-5, Vain Prince 7-3, Spring Forward 6-5.

BETTING: 3-1 Green Lane, 4-1 Postage Stamp, 5-1 French Ivy, 6-1 Northwold Star, 7-1 Dance Partout, 8-1 Spoof, 10-1 Vain Prince, Welshman, 12-1 others.

1990: BOULEVARD GIRL 5-8-9 K Hodgson (3-1) C Booth 8 ran

4.30 GREY FRIARS MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,752: 7f 2yd) (10 runners)

1 (10) 23 AMEER DALHAM 23 (BF) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 ..... R Hills ● 99
2 (4) CHIEF OF STAFF (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ..... A Munro —
3 (7) 500 CRIMSON CONSORT 63 (Mrs S Oakes) N Tinkler 9-0 ..... Kim Tinkler —
4 (3) 30 ECLIPTIC 55 (R Sangster) J Berry 9-0 ..... J Carroll 81
5 (5) 0 L'HERMINE 13 (M Kure) B Hanbury 9-0 ..... S O'Gorman (3) 77
6 (1) 0 MAD MILITANT 13 (Mrs B Fecchino) R Hollinshead 9-0 ..... S Perks 78
7 (6) MAJOR'S LAW (C Gilsy) C Brittain 9-0 ..... G Crealock —
8 (8) 0 PREMIER MAJOR 21 (Premier Properties Plc) W Pearce 9-0 ..... A Culhane —
9 (9) 53 PRINCE SECRETO 17 (W Armitage) N Graham 9-0 ..... G Carter 91
10 (2) 5 ANNA PERENNA 20 (Lionville Builders Ltd) G Moore 8-9 ..... K Fallon —

BETTING: 7-4 Ameer Dalham, 9-4 Chief Of Staff, 4-1 Ecliptic, 6-1 Prince Secreto, 8-1 Major's Law, 12-1 Crimson Consort, 14-1 others.

1990: AROKAT 9-0 Pat Eddery (1-3 fav) B Hills 10 ran

5.00 EASTGATE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,752: 5f 16yd) (7 runners)

1 (1) 31 CHOICENMUSIC 25 (D,F) (Mrs T Adams) J Berry 9-7 ..... J Carroll 84
2 (4) 22142 NED'S BONANZA 28 (D,F) (N Jones) R Whitaker 8-12 ..... A Culhane 93
3 (6) 135023 MY ABBEY 43 (D,F) (Abbey Racing) E Alston 8-7 ..... K Fallon 92
4 (2) 10 NUR 86 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-7 ..... R Hills 90
5 (7) 013520 MISTER BANDIT 8 (D,G) (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 8-6 ..... A Munro 98
6 (5) 034412 ARABELLAJILL 4 (D,BF,G) (Mrs J Cash) R Hannon 8-4 ..... S Whitworth ● 99
7 (3) 462214 PREMIER ENVELOPE 14 (D,F) (Premier Envelope Co) N Tinkler 7-13 ..... Kim Tinkler 97

BETTING: 11-4 Arabellajill, 7-2 Choicenmusic, 9-2 Ned's Bonanza, 6-1 Nur, 7-1 Mister Bandit, 8-1 Premier Envelope, 10-1 My Abbey.

1990: ZANDRIL 9-7 Pat Eddery (11-8 fav) R Hannon 6 ran

5.30 GREY FRIARS MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,720: 7f 2yd) (9 runners)

1 (2) 04 BLIMPERS DISCO 14 (Echoline Ltd) E Owen jnr 9-0 ..... V Bray (7) 96
2 (3) 03 DOMINANT SERENADE 31 (The Quartermasters) P Harris 9-0 ..... R Hills 93
3 (7) 0 GLIDE PATH 13 (J Hills) J Hills 9-0 ..... R Wernham —
4 (9) 4 OWNER'S DREAM 7 (M Salem) B Hanbury 9-0 ..... A Munro 94
5 (5) 0 PAID UP FULL 17 (P Milner) Mrs N Macauley 9-0 ..... D Biggs (5) —
6 (1) 6423 PERSONAL HAZARD 27 (T Bennett) M H Easterby 9-0 ..... M Birch ● 99
7 (4) SEA LORD (Seven Seas Racing) M Blanshard 9-0 ..... C Rutter —
8 (8) 5 DANCING YEARS 11 (K Higson) Denys Smith 8-9 ..... K Fallon —
9 (6) 00 WEEKEND GIRL 14 (F Gillis) W Brisbourne 8-9 ..... J Carroll —

BETTING: 2-1 Personal Hazard, 3-1 Dancing Years, 4-1 Owner's Dream, 6-1 Dominant Serenade, 8-1 Glide Path, 12-1 Blimpers Disco, 14-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
B Hanbury	11	26	42.3	R Hills	7	38	18.4
F Lee	6	25	24.0	A Munro	7	40	17.5
W Hern	4	17	23.5	G Carter	8	47	17.0
H Thomson Jones	3	14	21.4	J Fortune	3	20	15.0
C Brittain	10	54

TCCB to receive umpires' report on Edgbaston strip

Warwickshire chase after victory as pitch is condemned

By Richard Streeton

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Warwickshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, need 103 to beat Worcestershire

THE Edgbaston pitch on which batting has been a lottery from the start of this match was finally reported by the umpires to the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) at tea-time yesterday. Their decision was made known as Warwickshire set out for the 211 they need for a victory to keep them in the championship race.

Their promising start was interrupted at 108 for two when bad light brought the close with six overs left.

The umpires informed the board that in their opinion the pitch fell into the "poor" category, meaning it was only one stage away from being declared "unfit" which could have led to a 25-point deduction. Warwickshire now know, therefore, that they have escaped this ultimate sanction and that there will be no fullscale investigation.

Harry Brind, the TCCB inspector of pitches, will visit Edgbaston today or tomorrow to view the pitch and advise Warwickshire where they went wrong. Essex were similarly visited by Mr Brind 11 days ago when the umpires marked the Colchester pitch "poor" in a match that Northamptonshire lost by an innings.

The umpires' decision to inform Lord's of their reservations about the Edgbaston pitch was inevitable. Its condition had clearly deteriorated further yesterday though the irregular bounce mostly tended to keep the ball low with far less lift evident than there had been the previous day. But once again, not all of the several wickets that fell could be attributed to the pitch but suspicions and uncertainty were always in the batsmen's minds.

Warwickshire, who have not beaten Worcestershire at Edgbaston for 20 years, would not deny that they provided a pitch on which a result would be obtained. Almost certainly far less watering than usual was used in the pitch's preparation. It meant that cracks quickly became evident.

It is a delicate balance for groundsmen to get the balance right in these circumstances and Andy Atkinson is in his first season in charge here. As wickets fell regularly throughout the day, a funereal overrate which averaged barely 13 an hour, added to the unreality of what should have been a showpiece match.

Warwickshire finished with a first innings lead of 40 after their last three wickets fell in 16 balls at the start. Curtis, newly confirmed as Neale's successor as Worcestershire captain next year, then embarked on a four-hour innings which brought him 77. In a brave and determined stay he hit eight fours and faced 180 balls.

Curtis was ninth out when he edged a catch to slip, attempting a backfoot drive. Worcestershire lost their last five wickets for 14 and were all out for 170. Munton took three wickets to finish with a match analysis of 10-91.

Nobody else stayed long with Curtis. Botham struck four fours before he gave every indication that he had had enough of the pitch. Botham had just been hit as he tried to hook Reeve and he charged out to his next ball, from Munton, swung wildly and was bowled.

Superlative Gatting shores up Middlesex innings

By Ivo Tennant

CANTERBURY (second day of four): Middlesex, with the two first-innings wickets in hand, lead Kent by 84 runs

NOT for the first time this season Mike Gatting came in well down the order and not for the last time did he play a superlative innings, quite out of keeping with everything else in the match. In spite of batting with a dislocated finger in his left hand, He made 174, putting on 219 with Mark Ramprakash, who struggled throughout to sort out his timing. Commendably, he still managed to make 87.

This was Gatting's eighth first-class century of a season in which his form has been inverse proportion to that of his county, which lies joint bottom of the championship table. When he came in, Middlesex were 87 for five.

At last, though, the pitch was put into perspective. It was too grassy for the time of year but rather better than the individual scores had suggested. Two wickets down overnight, Middlesex lost Roseberry, unnecessarily hooking high to long leg and Weekes caught at second slip off Ellison, the ball seemingly not deviating at all. Emburey, went to Ealham, pushing out tentatively.

Without Igglesden, who has a strained side, Kent's bowling was indistinct. There was medium pace and more medium pace. When Davis came on Gatting was well under way and had no respect for him at all, as he does not for the majority of spinners. One straight six nearly reached the players' balcony. There were reverse sweeps, cover drives, that dismissive flick through mid-wicket and much else besides.

Ramprakash, meantime, was feeling his way. Quite how much his cricket (but not his concentration has been enervated by constantly having to cope with West Indian fast bowling can only be summised, but there was an awful lot that he let go by outside off stump and numerous drives that went no further than the infield.

His half-century took four hours and his entire innings just over six hours. He never gave a chance. His monumental concentration was impaired only by one persistent barracker and when he was dismissed, for once selecting the wrong ball to leave alone. Ellison deserved the wicket, for his first spell had been as good as any. As a gauge to Ramprakash's innings, there were 10 fours and 228 balls he did not score from.

Gatting had damaged his finger on Wednesday, yet only once did he look to be in any pain and that more from thumping the ball with the bottom of his bat. His century came off 188 balls and his 150, reached with a perfectly controlled hook off Penn, took 255 balls. Not once did he bother with a helmet. He was out just before the close, having struck 23 fours and a six.

Moody aims for final

THE Worcestershire all rounder, Tom Moody, is prepared to interrupt an Australian tour of Zimbabwe if his county reaches the Refuge Assurance Cup final.

Moody is due to play for Worcestershire against the league champions, Nottinghamshire, at Trent Bridge on Sunday in the semi-finals. Four days later, he flies off for the three week tour of Zimbabwe, missing Worcestershire's remaining three championship games.

But if Worcestershire can beat Nottinghamshire, he hopes to rush back for the final at Old Trafford on September 15. "It really isn't up to me," he said.

"The Australian Cricket Board and Worcestershire have to strike a deal."

☐ Peter Willey, the former England all-rounder, is being released by Leicestershire at the end of the season, halfway through a two-year contract. Willey, aged 41, has taken five wickets this season and scored 217 runs at an average of 16.69.

Adrian Rook and Lloyd Tennant are also being released, but all other players are all being offered terms.

Alan Mullally, the left-arm bowler missing for much of the season through injury, will be offered a contract if he proves his fitness.

End of the line: Hepworth, of Leicestershire, is caught by Barnett off Base yesterday

Derbyshire are held up as Gidley leads the recovery

By Jack Bailey

LEICESTER (second day of four): Derbyshire, with eight wickets in hand, lead Leicestershire by 117 runs

THE pattern of this match has so far defied convention in the way it has repeated itself as to be positively unnerving. After Derbyshire's collapse on the first morning and then watching the last three wickets more than double their score, Leicestershire's batsmen achieved a similar feat yesterday. But whereas for Derbyshire it was an experienced opening batsman, in the shape of Bowler, who did the trick, Leicestershire's performance owed almost everything to a young player whose sixth innings of the season this was, the previous five having yielded 16 runs. His name: Martyn Gidley.

Gidley came in with Leicestershire's score standing at 53 for six, his first task being to avert a hat-trick at the hands of Base. He was last out, nearly four hours later, having passed his previous best with 80, having put on 96 for the last wicket with Maguire and, for the 47 overs the partnership lasted, having driven Derbyshire to distraction.

Derbyshire have eased the burden of the day by increasing their eventual first-innings lead of 39 by a further 77 runs for the loss of Morris and Bowler. It is likely, however, that the memory of that last-wicket stand will live for a long time to come, especially if it turns out to have a bearing on their chances of lifting the championship. Thoughts will go to the catch spilled by Azharuddin at slip when Gidley had made 40 and then the chance offered to O'Gorman at second slip, two balls after Gidley had reached his half-century.

There were, too, those streaky shots through the slips as the long-suffering Cork strove might and mane to achieve an early breakthrough and nearly succeeded on several occasions. Yet, if Gidley lives dangerously, Maguire the last man in, most assuredly did not. It was as if he could have played with the proverbial stick of rhubarb, so often did the ball hit the middle of his bat.

Barnett tried everything. He even gave himself 27 overs. But the Grace Road pitch, at its most placid between lunch and tea, yielded nothing and Maguire and Gidley had been together for two and a quarter hours when, just before the long delayed tea interval was due, Gidley was snapped up at silly mid-off.

The explanation for Leicestershire's morning collapse, as with that of Derbyshire previously, lies probably in the combination of early dew and a still newish ball. Base and Warner proved a rare handful to start with, accounting for the first four wickets to fall. Later, Sladdin twirled his left arm spinners successfully, as did Barnett his leg breaks, but come mid-afternoon nothing was to much avail.

Captain bats on as Australians try safe tactics

By John Woodcock

CHELMSFORD (third day of four): Australia Under-19, with seven second-innings in hand, are 400 runs ahead of England Under-19

AUSTRALIA batted as though they were in danger of losing the very Ashes at Chelmsford yesterday, rather than trying to win the second Youth Test match. In more lovely weather and on a still utterly placid pitch they made 260 runs from 120 overs, taking their second innings from 78 for one to 338 for three. It was no better an advertisement for the four-day game than for Australian cricket.

The three-match series, a part of the Bull Information Systems Development of Excellence programme, stands one up to Australia, and no doubt it was this which decided them to play as they did. Damien Martyn, their captain, was in all day for 142 without ever looking like getting out. The way he played was as self-indulgent as it was uneducated — as, when he comes to understand the game better, he will realise.

Australia may yet win the match, but with any gumption at all they could have given themselves another of couple of hours in which to bowl England out a second time. Martyn is an exceptionally gifted young batsman, and to make the runs he does in first grade cricket in Sydney, Roberts must be a very good one; but the time came, while they were adding 166 together, when one wished to goodness that they would shed their helmets and their elaborate inhibitions.

Once Australia had a lead of getting on for 200 with only two wickets down England concentrated on containment, and in this they were wonderfully well served by Pearson, bowling off breaks from one end, and Bainbridge with orthodox left-arm spin from the other.

Pearson bowled without a break from morning till night, a remarkable effort in such heat, for figures of 60-18-103-2. As for Bainbridge, he played the part of the old pro to the manner born.

In 42 overs between lunch and tea Australia scored 86 runs. In another 39 overs between tea and the close they added 70. It was as well, I felt, that Richie Benaud, who had been on the ground in the morning, had departed. England, for their part, fielded energetically. But no effort was made to run them round.

In both camps there has been much talk of stressed fractures, an injury which seems to trouble young cricketers much more than used to be the case. It is thought that two fast bowlers in the Australian side could be suffering from one. It comes, I am sure, not so much from playing too much cricket but from the way it is now played — not only by the bowlers, but by fielders hurling themselves around, often into the boundary boards.

Seeing that it is the "done thing" to pitch the ball halfway down the wicket and, if possible, to knock the batsman's head off, that is what the young men practice. For long spells they bend their backs and strive and strain before they are physically ready for it. They are victims of the age of aggression — though of aggression yesterday there was sadly none.

Dominant Lamb puts in tour claim

By Geoffrey Wheeler

ALLAN Lamb is certainly doing his best to convince the selectors who dropped him from the England team after the first four Tests against West Indies that he should figure in their plans for the winter tour to New Zealand and the World Cup.

The Northamptonshire captain battered the Yorkshire bowlers for a century in 129 minutes at Northampton yesterday, his third three-figure score in six innings since dropping out of the England side. Lamb was so dominating that he made 105 runs between lunch and tea and had hit a six and 17 fours in 109 when he was caught behind off Hartley.

Lamb fell just as he and Fordham were reviving memories of their recording-breaking partnership of 393 at Headingley last year. But yesterday's association for the third wicket ended at 173, leaving Fordham, with an unbeaten 137 — his best of the season — to carry his side to 354 for four, a lead of 49.

Surrey look certain to pick up a maximum haul of 24 points from their game at the Oval, where Sussex were forced to follow on 270 behind after being dismissed for 175. The only serious resistance to Waqar Younis and coimpany came from Dodemaide and Moores, who added 78 for the sixth wicket. Sussex fared even worse second time around, collapsing to 26 for three by the close.

Hampshire and Gloucestershire did rather better in their replies to intimidating first innings totals. Somerset's 480 for seven at Southampton brought the best out of Paul Terry and Robin Smith who have so far put on 95 in taking Hampshire to 194 for two. While Terry kept one end secure Smith hit a half-century from 74 balls.

Glamorgan allowed their first innings to run on at Abergavenny until well after Adrian Dale had completed his first championship century and their total of 514 for nine was their highest against Gloucestershire, who are a long way from being out of the wood at 184 for four.

Nottinghamshire, who lost their grip on the game at Old Trafford when Titchard anbd Austin added 133 for the last Lancashire wicket, looked like regaining it when Broad and Pollard launched their reply with a partnership of 102.

But thereafter, despite a sound 74 from Robinson, wickets fell steadily and they were all out for 212. Three batsmen went to DeFreitas, who showed some of his England form for his county.

In the festival game at Scarborough, Carl Hooper followed his innings of 164 on the first day by taking five for 94 with his off breaks as the West Indian XI dismissed the Rest of the World for 375 to gain a lead of 48.

This was rapidly increased by Richie Richardson who scored a polished, unbeaten 90 in a second innings score of 216 for five.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Glamorgan v Gloucs

ABERGAVENNY *(second day of four): Gloucestershire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 330 runs behind Glamorgan*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

*A R Butcher c and b Gilbert	147
H Morris c Russell b Lawrence	85
A Dale run out	140
M P Maynard c and b Babington	2
R J Shastri lbw b Babington	0
S P James b Ball	66
R D B Croft c Russell b Scott	14
†C P Metson not out	26
S L Watkin run out	4
S Bastien st Russell b Ball	2
Extras (b 4, lb 10, nb 14)	28
Total (9 wkts dec)	514

Score after 100 overs: 331-4.

M Frost did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-197, 2-197, 3-256, 4-258, 5-428, 6-477, 7-478, 8-494, 9-514.

BOWLING: Lawrence 21-2-63-1; Gilbert 23-2-85-1, Babington 32-3-120-2; Ball 36.3-7-109-2, Scott 19-4-59-1; Lloyds 8-0-28-0; Alleyne 12-4-33-0; Athey 2-0-3-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

G D Hodgson c Metson b Croft	38
R J Scott lbw b Bastien	21
*A J Wright not out	63
C W J Athey c Morris b Shastri	2
M W Alleyne c Metson b Frost	40
†R C Russell not out	13
Extras (nb 7)	7
Total (4 wkts, 70 overs)	184

J W Lloyds, D V Lawrence, M C J Ball, D R Gilbert, A M Babington and C W J Athey to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-69, 3-72, 4-147.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 5, Gloucestershire 2.

Umpires: K E Palmer and A G T Whitehead.

Hants v Somerset

SOUTHAMPTON *(second day of four): Hampshire, with eight first-inning wickets in hand, are 286 runs behind Somerset*

SOMERSET: First Innings

S J Cook c Aymes b James	197
G T J Townsend c James b Shine	29
R J Harden c Aymes b Maru	0
*C J Tavaré c Middleton b Shine	68
I D Fletcher c Aymes b Aqib	58
†N D Burns not out	61
G D Rose c Smith b Turner	20
R P Lefebvre run out	12
H R J Trump not out	16
Extras (b 4, lb 6, nb 13)	23
Total (7 wkts dec)	480

Score after 100 overs: 320-4

A P Van Troost and D A Graveney did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-91, 2-105, 3-257, 4-320, 5-360, 6-428, 7-447

BOWLING: Aqib Javed 24-1-102-1; Shine 22-2-91-2; James 28-6-67-1; Turner 34-8-114-1; Maru 40-17-78-1; Nicholas 4-0-18-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry not out	85
T C Middleton c Townsend b Trump	24
K D James c Tavaré b Trump	25
R A Smith not out	56
Extras (lb 1, nb 3)	4
Total (2 wkts, 68 overs)	194

D I Gower, *M C J Nicholas, †A N Aymes, R J Maru, I J Turner, K J Shine and Aqib Javed to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-99.

Bonus points: Hampshire 2, Somerset 4.

Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd.

Kent v Middlesex

CANTERBURY *(second day of four): Middlesex, with two first-innings wickets in hand, are 84 runs ahead of Kent*

KENT: First Innings 258 (T R Ward 51; D W Headley 5 for 100)

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

M A Roseberry c Ellison b Penn	18
J C Pooley c Marsh b Igglesden	11
†P Farbrace lbw b Penn	0
M R Ramprakash lbw b Ellison	87
P N Weekes c Davis b Ellison	4
J E Emburey lbw b Ealham	20
*M W Gatting c Davis b Ealham	174
N F Williams lbw b Penn	1
D W Headley not out	3
P C R Tufnell not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 10, nb 13)	24
Total (8 wkts)	342

Score after 100 overs: 290-5.

N G Cowans to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-28, 3-33, 4-39, 5-87, 6-306, 7-311, 8-342.

Bonus points: Kent 5, Middlesex 7.

Umpires: B Hassan and R Palmer

Lancs v Notts

OLD TRAFFORD *(second day of four): Lancashire have a first-innings lead of 114 runs over Middlesex*

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis b Pick	7
N J Speak b Pick	9
G D Lloyd b Saxelby	25
*N H Fairbrother c Randall b Pick	0
S P Titchard c French b Pick	135
M Watkinson c French b Afford	20
P A J DeFreitas c Pollard b Afford	2
†W K Hegg c French b Hemmings	33
J D Fitton c Robinson b Afford	7
G Yates c Johnson b Afford	0
I D Austin not out	61
Extras (b 6, lb 12, nb 9)	27
Total	326

Score after 100 overs: 243-8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-26, 3-33, 4-67, 5-111, 6-135, 7-178, 8-193, 9-193.

BOWLING: Stephenson 23-4-62-0; Pick 22.3-3-75-4; Saxelby 5-2-17-1; Afford 38-11-78-4; Hemmings 37-16-78-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c Fairbrother b Fitton	54
P R Pollard c Austin b Yates	48
*R T Robinson lbw b DeFreitas	44
D W Randall c Speak b Watkinson	0
P Johnson c Lloyd b Yates	11
M Saxelby c Lloyd b Watkinson	5
F D Stephenson b DeFreitas	24
†B N French b DeFreitas	6
E E Hemmings b Watkinson	6
R A Pick c Lloyd b Watkinson	1
J A Afford not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 10, nb 4)	18
Total (84.1 overs)	212

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-102, 2-124, 3-133, 4-154, 5-173, 6-173, 7-199, 8-208, 9-211.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 25.84-3; Watkinson 23.1-7-55-4; Austin 4-1-15-0; Fitton 17-3-37-1; Yates 25-5-47-2.

Bonus points: Lancashire 6, Nottinghamshire 8.

Umpires: J D Bond and R A White.

Northants v Yorks

NORTHAMPTON *(second day of four): Northamptonshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 39 runs ahead of Yorkshire*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon lbw b Bastiste	12
A A Metcalfe lbw b Bastiste	65
D Byas c Roberts b Penberthy	8
S A Kellett run out	36
P E Robinson lbw b Roberts	30
†R J Blakey b Roberts	19
P Carrick lbw b Capel	67
D Gough c Noon b Curran	22
P J Hartley not out	19
S D Fletcher c Fordham b Curran	5
M A Robinson b Capel	3
Extras (b 4, lb 20, nb 4)	28
Total	315

Score after 100 overs: 229-6.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-66, 3-130, 4-148, 5-188, 6-211, 7-284, 8-294, 9-303.

BOWLING: Capel 38.1-10-99-2; Curran 25-9-51-2; Bastiste 31-12-64-2; Penberthy 5-1-16-1; Roberts 20-8-40-2; Bailey 7-0-21-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham not out	137
W Larkins c Blakey b Hartley	5
R J Bailey c P E Robinson b Fletcher	12
*A J Lamb c Blakey b Hartley	109
N A Stanley lbw b Hartley	34
D J Capel not out	28
Extras (b 2, lb 17, w 2, nb 8)	29
Total (4 wkts, 90 overs)	354

K M Curran, E A E Baptiste, A L Penberthy, A R Roberts and †W M Noon to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-43, 3-216, 4-302.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 6, Yorkshire 3.

Umpires: J H Harris and B Dudleston.

Leics v Derbys

LEICESTER *(second day of four): Derbyshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 117 runs ahead of Leicestershire*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 274 (P D Bowler 104, J N Maguire 5 for 67)

Second Innings

P D Bowler c Potter b Wilkinson	26
J E Morris b Maguire	17
T J G O'Gorman not out	7
M Azharuddin not out	20
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 4)	8
Total (2 wkts)	78

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-51.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Kuldeen b Cork	0
*N E Briers c Azharuddin b Warner	10
G J Parsons lbw b Cork	0
P N Hepworth c Barnett b Base	22
J J Whitaker c Kuldeen b Warner	12
L Potter lbw b Barnett	24
†P Whitticase c Kuldeen b Base	0
M I Gidley c Barnett b Sladdin	80
C J Millns c and b Sladdin	12
C Wilkinson c Base b Barnett	6
J N Maguire not out	44
Extras (b 4, lb 11, nb 10)	25
Total (98.1 overs)	235

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-0, 3-28, 4-43, 5-53, 6-53, 7-111, 8-130, 9-133.

BOWLING: Cork 18-3-38-2; Warner 21-5-76-2; Base 15-7-23-2; Barnett 27.5-49-2; Sladdin 17.1-4-29-2.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 6, Derbyshire 7.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and G I Burgess.

Warwicks v Worcs

EDGBASTON *(second day of four): Warwickshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 102 runs behind Worcestershire*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 166 (T M Moody 51; T M Munton 7 for 59)

Second Innings

*T S Curtis c Munton b Reeve	77
P Bent b Munton	20
G A Hick c and b Donald	13
T M Moody c Ratcliffe b Donald	3
D B D'Oliveira c Lloyd b Small	1
†S J Rhodes b Benjamin	7
I T Botham b Munton	17
R K Illingworth c Ratcliffe b Munton	4
C M Tolley c Holloway b Reeve	1
P J Newport not out	0
N V Radford lbw b Reeve	0
Extras (b 9, lb 7, w 7, nb 4)	27
Total	170

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-71, 3-83, 4-85, 5-118, 6-156, 7-168, 8-169, 9-170.

BOWLING: Donald 10-0-27-2; Small 15-2-45-1; Munton 19-6-32-3; Benjamin 8-0-37-1; Reeve 5-3-13-3.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles c Rhodes b Botham	28
J D Ratcliffe b Botham	22
*T A Lloyd lbw b Tolley	7
D P Ostler c D'Oliveira b Botham	7
D A Reeve c Radford b Botham	13
Asif Din c Hick b Radford	26
†P C L Holloway c Rhodes b Radford	6
G C Small c Bent b Newport	0
T A Munton not out	5
J E Benjamin lbw b Newport	0
A A Donald b Newport	0
Extras (b 2, lb 7, nb 5)	14
Total (57.4 overs)	128

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-60, 3-64, 4-85, 5-90, 6-119, 7-119, 8-124, 9-128.

BOWLING: Radford 14.3-14-2; Newport 15.4-3-36-3; Botham 17-2-50-4; Tolley 10-3-14-1.

Second Innings

A J Moles not out	56
J D Ratcliffe c and b Tolley	25
Asif Din lbw b Radford	23
*T A Lloyd not out	0
Extras (lb 4)	4
Total (2 wkts)	108

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-108.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 4, Worcestershire 5

Umpires: R Julian and P B Wight.

Surrey v Sussex

THE OVAL *(second day of four): Sussex, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, need 244 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Surrey*

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell b North	36
R I Alikhan c Moores b Pigott	11
G P Thorpe b Dodemaide	177
D M Ward lbw b Donelan	44
A J Stewart c Smith b Donelan	47
M A Lynch lbw b Donelan	0
*I A Greig c Moores b Dodemaide	25
K T Medlycott c Wells b Pigott	4
M A Feltham c Lenham b Dodemaide	37
M P Bicknell b North	26
Waqar Younis not out	3
Extras (b 9, lb 9, w 3, nb 14)	35
Total	445

Score after 100 overs: 357-6.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-54, 3-200, 4-340, 5-340, 6-353, 7-374, 8-374, 9-440.

BOWLING: Jones 21-1-83-0; Dodemaide 32.3-6-104-3; North 23-4-107-2; Pigott 21-4-69-2; Donelan 30-8-84-3.

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham retired hurt	2
D M Smith c D J Bicknell b M P Bicknell	10
K Greenfield c Thorpe b Feltham	21
A P Wells c sub b Feltham	28
R Hanley c Lynch b Feltham	19
J A North b Waqar	0
A C Dodemaide c Waqar b M P Bicknell	23
†P Moores lbw b Waqar	54
A C S Pigott c Stewart b Waqar	0
B T P Donelan c Stewart b Waqar	4
A N Jones not out	4
Extras (b 6, nb 4)	10
Total (54.1 overs)	175

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-39, 3-72, 4-73, 5-88, 6-157, 7-167, 8-171, 9-175.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 17.3-5-24-4; M P Bicknell 14.1-5-35-2; Feltham 16-2-63-3; Thorpe 2-0-11-0; Medlycott 5-1-9-0.

Second Innings

†P Moores c Ward b M P Bicknell	7
D M Smith c Lynch b M P Bicknell	0
K Greenfield c D J Bicknell b M P Bicknell	6
B T P Donelan not out	11
A N Jones not out	0
Total (3 wkts)	26

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-15, 3-26.

Bonus points: Surrey 8, Sussex 3.

Umpires: N T Plews and R C Tolchard

Tour match

West Indies XI v Rest of the World XI

SCARBOROUGH *(second day of three): West Indies XI, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 294 runs ahead of Rest of the World XI*

WEST INDIES XI: First Innings 423 for 8 dec (C L Hooper 164 not out, C Lambert 80, R A Harper 63 not out)

Second Innings

P V Simmons c sub b Kapil Dev	22
C Lambert c Morrison b Kapil Dev	19
R B Richardson not out	90
R Staples c Kapil Dev b Wasson	56
†D A Williams c Sleep b Wasson	19
B C Lara st Sleep b Manjrekar	1
*C G Greenidge not out	1
Extras (b 2, lb 2, nb 4)	8
Total (5 wkts)	216

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-62, 3-182, 4-206, 5-207.

REST OF THE WORLD XI: First Innings

*Mudassar Nazar c Hooper b Marshall	3
†S D Manjrekar c Williams b Bishop	45
S R Tendulkar c Simmons b Hooper	61
Javed Miandad c Greenidge b Hooper	88
P R Sleep c Staples b Harper	37
Kapil Dev c Lambert b Marshall	22
Maninder Singh c Simmons b Hooper	9
W V Raman not out	54
A S Wasson b Bishop	23
Maninder Singh c Simmons b Hooper	0
D K Morrison c Staples b Hooper	1
Extras (b 13, lb 13, w 1, nb 5)	32
Total	375

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-74, 3-146, 4-230, 5-276, 6-292, 7-292, 8-349, 9-360.

BOWLING: Marshall 21-6-76-2; Simmons 13-3-44-0; Hooper 16.2-1-64-5; Bishop 17-3-58-2; Harper 17-1-77-1.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and D O Oslear.

Bull under-19 match

England Under-19 v Australia Under-19

CHELMSFORD *(third day of four): Australia, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 400 runs ahead of England*

AUSTRALIA UNDER-19: First Innings 375 for 7 dec (G Blewitt 164, A Gilchrist 106; M Broadhurst 4 for 85)

G Blewitt b Welch	0
G Hayne lbw b Pearson	47
*D Martyn not out	181
K Roberts lbw b Pearson	65
†A Gilchrist not out	23
Extras (b 12, lb 4, nb 6)	22
Total (3 wkts)	338

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-199, 3-285.

ENGLAND UNDER-19: First Innings 313 (B F Smith 77, R Irani 68, G Welch 53; S Cook 4 for 75; M Kaspowicz 4 for 77;)

Umpires: D J Constant and B J Meyer.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.00, 110 overs minimum

ABERGAVENNY: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire.

CANTERBURY: Kent v Middlesex.

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Worcestershire.

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Derbyshire.

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire.

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire.

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Somerset.

THE OVAL: Surrey v Sussex.

Bull under-19 international

Youth Test (fourth day)

CHELMSFORD: England v Australia.

OTHER MATCH: Scarborough: World XI v West Indies XI

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bournemouth: Hampshire v Essex. Headingley: Yorkshire v Middlesex. Shireoaks: Nottinghamshire v Kent. Taunton: Somerset v Lancashire. Worcester: Worcestershire v Warwickshire.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Lord's (45 overs): Teddington v Walsall.

Lamb: captain's example

BRIDGE

Kent pairing head field at Brighton

By Albert Dormer

TWO of England's most successful young players, Gerald and Stuart Tredinnick of Kent, fought off a strong foreign challenge to win the main pairs event at the English Bridge Union summer meeting as the new competitive season got underway in Brighton.

The Tredinnicks' winning score was 209, putting them 17 points ahead of Franco Cadolin and Gianfranco Facchini, members of the Italian national squad that is due to take on a front rank England team later in the tournament.

Third place was shared by two pairs who, like the winners, had ended last season on a high note — Tim Rees with Andrew MacNair and Steve Barnfield with Alan Kay.

The finishing order was deceptive because the real threat to the Tredinnicks came from another Kent partnership, Mark Stickings and Jeremy Williams. They were a mere two points behind the twins when they clashed with them in the final round of the three-day event.

With a fixed quota of 20 victory points up for grabs in every match, the Italians were so far behind that it was impossible to overhaul both English pairs. As it was, the Tredinnicks pulled out the stops and scooped all the points, relegating their victims to fifth place with 187.

While the Tredinnicks were adding to their laurels, the world junior team championship for the Ortiz-Patino Trophy, that the Kent pair had helped to win was being fought out in Britain's absence at Michigan State University.

Ryder Cup players enjoy mixed fortunes on a day of moderate scoring in the European Open

James starts to justify his selection

By MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

MARK James yesterday left behind him a year of agonising over his Ryder Cup future when with the first round of 71 he elbowed his way into contention for the GA European Open at Walton Heath.

James, in whom Bernard Gallacher has placed his faith for the match against the United States, demonstrated his utter relief at being selected with a controlled performance in the windy conditions.

For even the phlegmatic James has become curiously harsh on himself during a summer when he feared that he might not be in the European team which will attempt to retain the Cup at Kiawah Island, South Carolina, on September 27 to 29.

"There is no doubt the Ryder Cup has affected my game this year," James said. "I have been trying too hard. It showed at the NM English Open a couple of weeks ago when I should have finished second or third but dropped to eighth after taking seven at the 17th followed by a five.

"I've occasionally lost my temper this year but today when I hit a bad shot it was not the end of the world. I've tried all summer not to feel the pressure but that is easier said than done. So it was a moment of exhilaration when Bernard told me last Sunday night in Germany that I was in the team. I have got to go out there and show I am worth my place. I feel I can."

James well remembers his first match in the Ryder Cup in 1977. He was paired in the foursomes at Royal Lytham and St Annes with Tommy Horton. "We took on two guys by the names of Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson," he said. "I was just a trifle awestruck. We did well to hold them to five and four."

Since then James has won 14 times on the PGA European Tour although not this year. Apart from having the Ryder Cup on his mind, he has been fighting a disobedient putter. His touch on the greens would appear now to be settling into a consistent pattern.

Indeed, James held very chance of taking possession of the lead following three birdies in five holes from the 7th. But he faltered over the c'[illegible]ing stretch to finish two shots behind Peter Fowler and Ken Trimble, both of Australia, and the South African John Bland, the early leaders.

Elsewhere, Severiano Ballesteros, despite finding the greens difficult to manage, put together a round of 70 during which he survived a confrontation with a bush by the side of the 14th green. Ballesteros successfully extricated the ball although by his own admission he played an ambitious recovery which on another occasion might have proved costly.

Nick Faldo was not so fortunate at the 16th when an excursion into the heather ended his hopes of finishing in par on his first appearance in Britain since he lost his Open title. Faldo eventually took 74 which was one more than Payne Stewart, the US Open champion.

Paul Broadhurst celebrated his elevation to Ryder Cup status with a 71. He and David Gilford, who took 77 as did Colin Montgomerie, are seriously considering competing in the BC Open in New York State the week before the match. The organisers have said they will do everything in their power to accommodate both players.

IAN STEWART

Escape route: Ballesteros manufactures a way out of trouble after tangling with the rough in European Open at Walton Heath

SCORES FROM WALTON HEATH

FIRST ROUND: 69: K Trimble (Aus), J Bland (SA), P Fowler (Aus). 70: M Poxon, S Ballesteros (Sp), S McAllister, S Field, D J Russell, G Day (US), M McLean, B Lane, C Parry (Aus). 71: P Broadhurst, M James, D Smyth, K Waters. 72: R Chapman, Y Kuramoto (Japan), H Clark, P Way, P Senior (Aus), J Quiros (Sp), J Morse (US), C Rocca (It), F Nobilo (NZ). 73: L Trinder (Aus), P Baker, K Brown, P Walton, D Durnian, M Jiménez (Sp), P Stewart (US), O Sellberg (Swe), P O'Malley (Aus), S Bowman (US). 74: J Hawkes (SA), D Cooper, R Claydon, N Faldo, R Lee, G Ralph, D Silva (Por), R Stelten (US), H Selby-Green, C Moody, J Bennett, S Bennett, M Clayton (Aus), A Lyle, J Davila (Sp), M Roe, I Woosnam.

75: H Baiocchi (SA), J Morgan, R Davis (Aus), C Defoy, S Luna (Sp), R McFarlane, F Lindgren (Swe), R Drummond, A Sorensen (Den), M Mackenzie, M Piñero (Sp), V Singh (Fiji), B Marchbank. 76: P Mitchell, M Moreno (Sp), M McNulty (Zim), J Pinsent, D Clarke, P Carrigill, M Sunesson (Swe), G Turner, D Williams, P Smith, B Ogle (Aus), J Rivero (Sp), M Hoegberg (Swe), S Stephen, M Davis, E O'Connell. 77: P Mayo, C Montgomerie, D Gilford, P Teravainen (US), Q Dabson (Fr), B Longmuir, J Coles, L Vannet, P Price, G Brand Jr.

78: B Gallacher, W Riley (Aus), J Cocares (Arg), W Grant, M Lanner (Swe), M Miller, S Bottomley, D Stirling. 79: J Haggarty, P Curry, S Tinning (Den), B Barnes, E Dussart.

80: D Whelan, A Johnstone (Zim), T Ashton, A Saavedra (Arg). 81: J Hawksworth, C Cookson (US), A Hunter, M Thomas. 82: P Parkin, J van de Velde (Fr).

83: M Farry (Fr), M Gates. 89: D James.

Simpson upstages favourite

By JOHN HENNESSY

GEORGINA Simpson, the Yorkshire girls' champion, who is only 15, comprehensively upstaged the favourite on the first day of the PGA Junior Championships sponsored by Pro-Shot at Selsdon Park Hotel, Surrey, yesterday.

Her playing partner, Janice Moodie, has such an impressive pedigree that the margin between the two yesterday of four strokes, ought to have been in the other direction.

Moodie, three years older, won by six strokes last year. She is the Scottish girls' champion, a full international and a reserve for the Great Britain and Ireland Vagliano Trophy team. Yet it was she who limped in with a 77, and Simpson who was able to match the par of 73.

LEADING SCORES: Boys: 73: R Walton (Calcot Park). 74: A Johnson (Heysham), B Boyle (Balmoral), S Browne (Hermitage). 75: M Pearson (Abbeydale). 76: J Pugh (Whitchurch), J Harris (Nevill), M Craven (Doncaster), G Johnson (Gillingham). 77: S Gallacher (Bathgate), G Hamerton (Manchester), G Vogwell (Ardeer). Girls: 73: G Simpson (Cleckheaton). 76: B Jones (Denbigh), L Tupholme (Northcliffe). 77: J Moodie (Wyndyffa), S Forster (North Foreland). 78: C Topping (Torquay), C Malone (Alnwick). 79: S Bishop (Oxton); L McGowan (Coombe Wood).

Russell completes play-off victory

By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

STEPHEN Russell survived a strong late attack by James Dodds to win the Lord Derby Knowsley Safari Park tournament at Hesketh yesterday.

Russell and Dodds finished level on 137 before Russell, from the Wergs club in Wolverhampton, claimed victory at the second extra hole of a play-off.

Dodds, from Silvermere, had started the day two strokes behind Russell, the overnight leader, and appeared unlikely to reduce the deficit after 17 holes. Then an eagle at the 510-yard 18th, where he sank a 20-foot putt, forced a play-off.

The resurgence continued as Dodds, short in two, holed a 20-yard chip for a birdie three at the first extra hole. But Russell followed his rival in from 20 feet, and then produced another birdie, this time decisive, at the 150-yard second.

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 137: S Russell (Wergs), 67, 70; J Dodds (Silvermere), 69, 68. Russell won play-off at second extra hole. 138: I McInally (Worplesdon), 69, 69. 139: A Cullen (Brantfield), 72, 67; P Hunston (Glossop and District), 67, 72; K Golding (Stoke-on-Trent), 73, 66. 141: P Simpson (Harpenden Common), 70, 71; K Lunt (Muswell Hill), 73, 68. 143: S Meade (Moor Park), 74, 69; D Wyborn (Shortlands), 73, 70; D Patterson (Castle Eden), 72, 71; A Watt (Yelverton), 72, 71; R Giles (Beeth Ferry), 71, 72; A Thomas (Notts), 68, 75.

☐ TOKYO: Raymond Floyd, of the United States, returned a 66, six under par, to share a one-stroke lead with Frankie Minoza, of the Philippines, after the first round of the Kaiwa-KBC Augusta tournament (AP reports).

Floyd, aged 48, who has won four major titles, including the 1986 US Open, shot an eagle on the par-5, 509-yard 9th hole in a bogey-free round on the 7,125-yard Kyushu Shima Country Club course on Japan's southern island of Kyushu.

He also sank a seven-foot putt for par on the 4th, and an eight-footer on the 5th. Minoza, aged 31, overall winner of the 1990 Asian circuit, also was bogey-free.

Graham Marsh, who has won 25 tournaments in Japan since 1972, shot a 68 and shared fifth place with Brent Franklin, of Canada, and Kiyoshi Murota, of Japan. The defending champion, Masashi "Jumbo" Ozaki, of Japan, scored a 70 and was two shots further back with Tsuneyuki Nakajima, Isao Aoki and six other Japanese.

Women's suffrage fails to raise their banner high

New York

ALL you need is love. Steffi Graf beat a French lady called Catherine Mothes 6-0, 6-0, and La Pauvre Mothes was lucky to get love. The match lasted for 39 minutes, and if you want to be severe you can take out the nine minutes for the six changeovers. "She didn't have the shots to make the points," Graf said, rather apologetically. "I would have had to make the mistakes myself."

When is it all going to happen, I wonder — this sudden explosion of democracy in women's tennis? It seems that for years we have been on the brink of a new world of ultra-competitive tennis among the women: a world full of drama, upsets, shooting stars and thumping eyeball to eyeball confrontations in every round. But it still hasn't happened. We have to wait for the quarter-finals or even the semis, before we are certain — fairly certain — of a tough match. And even grand slam finals can be embarrassing sometimes.

They said that the new racket technology would be the key: these new-fangled over-size rackets possess sweet spots almost as big as the entire area of Bjorn Borg's old wooden Excalibur. All the technology has done so far has been to shorten the women's rallies from the back of the court.

In short, the dominant players are as dominant as ever. Psychological ascendancy dictates the course of just about every single bread-and-butter match in the women's game.

It is not hard to think like this. The other day I watched that melodramatic Jimmy Connors's five-setter. The contrast with Graf's Promenade de Gateaux with Mothes yesterday morning was extreme. Especially when you consider that men and women earn equal prize-money at this tournament.

It grieves me to write this. I am prepared to cheer for women's rights in sport and in any other area of life. Women's sports have come on massively in recent years. But it is still the male sport that dominates throughout the world: with football and cricket in England, with baseball, American football and basketball over here in the United States. Sporting women are in short supply.

Tennis provides them. Tennis is the great international women's sport, both in terms of money and in terms of the fame of the top practitioners. Track and field lags behind tennis, especially in the States. We have a few sports in which men and women compete on equal terms, notably equestrianism. But much as I love horsey sports, I cannot deny that they are mainly the preserve of the moneyed classes, and a trifle esoteric to boot.

That makes tennis the flag-bearer for the entire spectrum of women's sport. And it is true that at the highest level — grand slam semi-finals and beyond — the game can provide spectacular sport, and enthralling dramatic confrontations between intriguing and extraordinary personalities.

But women's tennis has never established anything remotely like a strength in depth. There are 128 women players here, but this large number only means that there are a large number of brisk non-events like Graf's — Jennifer Capriati despatched an opponent in 28 minutes earlier in the week.

Apologists for women's tennis say that there are no easy games anymore. This is transparently untrue. Graf said that the competitive standards were rising: so they are, but the pace is frustratingly slow.

I wish there were an easy answer to this, like playing five sets instead of three. After all, women run the marathon these days. But so complete was Graf's dominance yesterday that this would have added barely 15 minutes to the match time. The sooner it was over, the better. I look forward very much to writing about a glorious game in the women's singles at the US Open. I wish it were not true that I will probably have to wait another week before it takes place.

RESULTS FROM WIMBLEDON

US unless stated; seeded players in capitals

Men's singles

SECOND ROUND: J McENROE bt M Laurendeau (Can), 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; J Siemerink (Neth) bt G FORGET (Fr), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6; M Chang bt T Witsken, 6-3, 6-0, 6-2; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt C Saceanu (Ger), 6-2, 6-3, 6-3; L Metter (Br) bt C Caratti (It), 3-6, 6-3, 6-0, 7-6; J Hlasek (Switz) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-4, 7-5, 6-7, 6-3; S EDBERG (Swe) bt J Tarango, 6-3, 7-5, 6-0; J Hlasek (Switz) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-4, 7-5, 6-7, 6-3; I LENDL (Cz) bt P Kuhnen (Ger), 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; J Sánchez (Sp) bt S BRUGUERA (Sp), 7-6, 6-3, 6-0; D Rostagno (US) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 7-6, 6-1, 6-3; J Grabb (US) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 7-6, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; G Markus (Arg) bt S Pescosolido (It), 6-2, 1-6, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; M Larsson (Swe) bt J Frana (Arg), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4; M Washington (US) bt O Camporese (It), 4-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-4; J COURIER (US) bt J Arias (US), 6-3, 6-2, 6-0; A Boetsch (Fr) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 6-2, 6-3, 2-1, ret; F Clavet (Sp) bt G Raoux (Fr), 6-1, 6-1, 6-4.

Men's doubles

FIRST ROUND: G Connell and G Michibata (Can) bt J Brown and S Melville, 7-6, 7-6; K FLACH and R SEGUSO bt P Arraya (Peru) and D Pollakov (USSR), 6-1, 7-5; M Lucena (US) and B O Pedersen (Nor) bt T Nijssen (Neth) and C Suk (Cz), 6-4, 6-1; H Davids and J Ettingh (Neth) bt S Patridge (US) and B Talbot (SA), 6-2, 7-6; S Devries (US) and D MacPherson (Aus) bt M Kali and F Montana, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; W Ferreira and P Norval (SA) bt B Garrow and B Pearce, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; R Bathman and R Bergh (Swe) bt T Svantesson (Swe) and G van Emburgh (US), 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; J Palmer and J Stark (US) bt J Lozano (Mex) and J Rive (US), 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; T Ho and T Martin (US) bt J Leach and D Witt (US), 7-6, 6-3; L JENSEN (US) and L WARDER (Aus) bt K Evernden (NZ) and M Oosting (Neth), 6-2, 6-1; N Aerts and F Roese (Br) bt J Hlasek (Switz) and T Smid (Cz), 6-2, 6-4; N Borwick and S Youl (Aus) bt N Odizor (Nigeria) and B Shelton (US), 6-7, 6-3, 7-6; S DAVIS and D PATE (US), bt D Adams (Aus) and A Olikhovskiy (USSR), 6-4, 6-4.

Women's singles

FIRST ROUND: A Smith bt P Langrova (Cz), 6-4, 7-5.

SECOND ROUND: L MESKHI (USSR), bt L Gildemeister (Peru), 6-4, 3-6, 6-0; H SUKOVA (Cz) bt E de Lone, 6-1, 6-3; R Reichrtova (Cz) bt N Sawamatsu (Japan), 6-2, 6-4; S Gomer (GB) bt H Kelesi (Can), 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; J CAPRIATI bt P Ritter (Aus), 6-3, 6-0; K MALEEVA (Bul) bt M deSwardt (SA), 6-3, 6-4; P Hy (Can) bt R McQuillan (Aus), 6-1, 6-2; G Fernandez (P Rico) bt K Rinaldi, 6-4, 6-1; J Durie (GB) bt B Fulco (Arg), 6-4, 6-0; G Magers bt D Faber, 6-3, 6-3; D Monami (Bel) bt C Rubin, 6-4, 6-3; J Novotna (Cz) bt P Louie-Harper (US), 6-2, 6-3; R Zrubakova (Cz) bt K Date (Japan), 7-5, 6-7, 6-3; G SABATINI (Arg) bt B Paulus (Austria), 6-3, 4-6, 5-1, ret; M FERNANDEZ (US) bt B Schutz (Neth), 7-6, 6-3; S GRAF (Ger) bt C Mothes (Fr), 6-0, 6-0; C MARTINEZ (Sp) bt Y Basuki (Indo), 6-3, 6-4; P Fendick (US) bt K Habsudova (Cz), 6-2, 6-3; E Sviglerova (Cz) bt C Lindqvist (Swe), 6-2, 6-2.

Women's doubles

FIRST ROUND: L Ferrando (It) and W Probst (Ger) bt M Lindstrom (Swe) and C Suire (Fr), 6-1, 6-2; C Caversazio (It) and N Herreman (Fr) bt N Arendt and J Alexander (Can), 6-2, 6-7, 6-4; P SHRIVER (US) and N ZVEREVA (USSR) bt A Henricksson and J Smoller (US), 6-2, 6-2; N TAUZIAT (Fr) and J WIESNER (Austria) bt A De Vries and S Wasserman (Bel), 6-1, 6-3; A Frazier (US) and M Kidowaki (Japan) bt C MacGregor and P Mager (US), 6-7, 6-3, 7-5; C Graham and S McCarthy (US) bt J Halard (Fr) and A Huber (Ger), 7-6, 6-2; E Pfaff and C Porwik (Ger) bt L Davenport and N London (US), 6-4, 6-7, 6-1; T Whittinger and T Whittinger (US) bt R Alter (Can) and G Helgeson (US), 7-6, 7-5.

WATER SKIING

S Africans seek old status

By JANE ELLIOTT

FOLLOWING the Sports Council's decision this month to permit individual federations to compete with South Africa without losing any grants or benefits, the first team from the Republic has arrived to compete in the European barefoot championships at Thurrock in Essex.

The South Africans were an important force in water ski-ing until politics forced them to withdraw from competition. In 1977 Peter Lindenburg helped them to claim the European barefoot team title by winning the men's overall prize.

Because few African nations field a water skiing team, South Africa has been included, traditionally, in the European group of the International Water Ski Federation.

Warren Short and Evan Berger are detemined to regain their nation's status, despite the challenge from the British, Dutch, and Belgians.

Among the favourites in the men's competition are Richard Mainwaring, the veteran champion, and Charles Brooke, from Britain, who are hoping to prevent Jason Neiman, of Belgium and Evert Aartsen, of The Netherlands, from winning.

Michelle Nutt, the British champion, and Alessandra Aurelli, from Italy, will continue their fight for supremacy in the women's event.

Kim Harding, from Britain, is hopeful of putting the pressure on the two leaders in the jump event.

DRUGS IN SPORT

FA to resolve drug problem

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE Sports Council will meet the Football Association and the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) to sort out the drug-testing programme in League and Cup games.

Unless a proper programme of testing is agreed, the Council will refuse to allow England's national game to use the facilities at King's College, London University, the laboratory accredited by the International Olympic Committee.

Mandatory drug-testing in football has been suspended until the two bodies have agreed on the criteria on which testing should be based.

The only mandatory testing so far this season had to be aborted when the Chelsea and Wimbledon players refused to co-operate on the opening day.

Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the PFA, wants the two bodies to liaise over the production of a pamphlet on drug-testing for distribution to all clubs and players, warning them what drugs are prohibited. Since voluntary drug-testing was introduced on a random basis in 1979, about five players have been positive, but in most cases they had taken a stimulant found in an over-the-counter cold cure or, in the case of Graham Roberts last season, a substance accidentally taken in weight-reducing pills.

Following the case of Roberts, the FA decided to introduce mandatory testing only for the PFA to object.

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BOWLS

Supporting cast raises most cheer

TWO highly emotive matches dominated the English Bowling Federation national championships at Skegness yesterday, even though the junior singles and secretaries' quarter-finals were somewhat peripheral to the main event (David Rhys Jones writes). A packed spectators' gallery responded to the performances of two women competitors — heroines both, but for very different reasons.

Helen Charlton, a Wisbech schoolgirl, aged 10, became the youngest player ever to compete in a national championship in England, when she took on Claire Gladwell, six years her senior, in the junior singles championship.

The 16-year-old "veteran", who is studying catering and welding at Ipswich College, kept calm, however, and because she played more consistently than Charlton, deserved her 21-9 victory.

Bridget Ketteringham, of North Cambridgeshire, raised a few eyebrows when she appeared in the men's secretaries' competition. She is, of course, the secretary of a men's club at Tydd St Mary — and of the women's club as well.

Failing to qualify for Skegness in the women's event, she emerged from an all-male field as her county's representative in the men's competition — and reached the semi-finals with two well-earned victories over Ted York, of Cleveland, and Sam Wilson, of Derbyshire.

FOOTBALL

League and leading clubs back in court

By PETER BALL

FOOTBALL returns to the courts today when the 22 breakaway Premier League clubs, supported by three from the second division, ask the court to order the Football League's joint receivers, Arthur Sandford and Ian Watt, to apply to the Football Association for sanction for the league this season.

The FA and the League have so far failed to agree on the conditions under which the league can be licensed this season, the FA objecting to League regulation 11.

Yesterday, Rick Parry, the first division spokesman, insisted that the move was not a bid to undermine the League's appeal against last month's High Court judgement, which ruled regulation 11 inoperable.

"We are taking this step at the insistence of our counsel," Parry said, "because he was extremely concerned about the implications of clubs playing what are effectively illegal matches. We believe that the FA's offer of sanctions without prejudice, providing regulation 11 is withdrawn, offers a workable compromise."

The League does not agree, and until sanction is granted, their matches remain unauthorised. Technically that means that Spurs' opponents in the European Cup Winners' Cup, Stockerau, could ask for the tie to be awarded to them, and the England squad, which Graham Taylor is picking to play Germany next month, should contain no Football League players until the dispute is resolved.

There are, however, no signs that the FA is prepared to take those steps, suggesting that it is a phoney war, and there has been no suggestion that the first division's counsel will advise his clubs to stop playing.

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IN BRIEF

Easy for Jansher

JANSHER Khan, the world No. 1, cruised into the semi-finals of the Malaysian Open squash rackets tournament yesterday, beating Jason Nicholle, of England.

The Pakistani treated his 15-5, 17-14, 15-9 win over Nicolle as a training session, having turned down his option to claim a walkover when the Englishman arrived late.

ATHLETICS: The London championships, to be held at Barnet Copthall Stadium, Hendon, tomorrow, have been cancelled because of a shortage of officials.

FOOTBALL: A memorial service for Vernon Edwards, the former doctor to the England team, will be held at St Mary's parish church, Watford, on September 12 at noon. A private family funeral will take place next Wednesday.

POWERBOATING: Richard Carr, of Bournemouth, won the first heat of the Gold Cup, in Guernsey yesterday. Richard Strutton, of Denham, took the first heat of the European four-litre championship.

FISHING: Geoff Barnes yesterday hooked a 24lb 10oz rainbow trout — a British record. Barnes's giant catch at the Avington fishery in Hampshire beat the previous record, set three years ago, by eight ounces.

YACHTING: David Lenz took the Contessa class at Burnham Week with two days to spare.

GYMNASTICS: South Africans can compete in next month's world championships in the United States, an official of the sport's ruling body said.

BOWLS

WORTHING: Woolwich Open Tournament: Fourth round: J McNeil 21, R Robins 11; C Jones 21, A Ash 18; C Robinson 21, B Clarke 16; D Gill 21, R Chester 18; W Belcher 21, H Craig 9; B Cutler 21, C Butler 20; J Durrant 21, M Harley 8; P Caswell 21, R King 9; N Lazonby 21, E Parsons 10; P Vamvacopoulos 21, D Grimshaw 14; P Sandford 21, B Wainwright 16; T Morgan 21, I Foster 13; D Ovett 21, R Dickie 7; W Hayward 21, E Crocker 12; E Hayward 21, G Booth 9; P Line 21, B Grundy 12. Fifth round: Jones 21, McNeil 16; Robinson 21, Gill 2; Cutler 21, Belcher 19; Durrant 21, Caswell 13; Vamvacopoulos 21, Lazonby 10; Morgan 21, Sandford 16; Ovett 21, Hayward 20; Line 21, Hayward 18.

SKEGNESS: English Bowling Federation national championships: Men: Two-bowl singles: Quarter-finals: S Bottom (HMP Essex) bt M Jones (John Whitehead Park, Cleveland), 21-9; I Wones (North Walsham, Norfolk) bt F Bailey (King William, Cambs), 21-11; B Sheppard (Chickens, Notts) bt R Curry (Glen Park, Durham), 21-10; G Shepparson (Shirland, Derbys) bt V Hadder (Somersham Town, Hunts), 21-20. Pairs: Quarter-finals: B Solen and D Morris (Blossom Way, Humberside) bt K Agar and K Davies (Hawkhill Town, Essex), 21-14. Women: Two-bowl singles: Quarter-finals: M Coles (Walkringfield, Suffolk) bt P Hood (Whitesmeadt, Norfolk), 21-17; P Oliver (Creswell, Derbyshire) bt I Fox (Woolpack, North Cambs), 21-12; B Warters (Wittering, Northants) bt M Cooper (St Peters, Hunts), 21-12; J Crossil (Newstead, Notts) bt P Packham (Park Ladies, Cleveland), 21-13. Pairs: Quarter-finals: M Fisher and M Menchett (Warboys White Hart, Hunts) bt Y Roper and A Caswell (Louth Ladies, Lincs), 17-13; D Dicker and K Hadleon (Malbourne, Humberside) bt J Clarke and D Cliff (Reckheath Playingfield, Norfolk), 25-7; S Moore and A Sallows (Wherdham, Suffolk) bt A Bassam and A Pell (Whitlesey Manor, Northants), 20-12.

EQUESTRIANISM

PERTHSHIRE: L and C Blair Castle international horse trials (after first day of dressage): 1, Samuel Whiskers (T Dillon), 40.2; 2, Kboh Medallion (J Gibson), 53.2; 3, Blackbrany Way (O Moore), 55.4.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 11, Montreal Expos 3; Atlanta Braves 3, New York Mets 1; San Diego Padres 2, St Louis Cardinals 1; Philadelphia Phillies 11, Houston Astros 10 (10 inns); Pittsburgh Pirates 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 4; Chicago Cubs 8, San Francisco Giants 6.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Oakland A's 9, Boston Red Sox 3; Toronto Blue Jays 3, Baltimore Orioles 0; California Angels 1, Detroit Tigers 0; Minnesota Twins 4, Cleveland Indians 2; New York Yankees 5, Texas Rangers 1; Kansas City Royals 7, Chicago White Sox 6; Seattle Mariners 7, Milwaukee Brewers 6.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Warwickshire: Devon 187-8 dec and 204 (R Dawson 118, T Ward 91); J O'Brien 5-86). Cheshire 246-8 dec and 247-9 (I Cockbain 73, N O'Brien 58). Cheshire won by 1 wicket.
HIGH WYCOMBE: Wales 191 (D Hemp 68; J Simmons 4-30) and 454-4 (Hemp 258 not out, G Gibbons 101 not out, A W Harris 63); MCC 440 (A J Goldsmith 96, J Simmons 88, J D Love 79, S D Weale 61; A Iram 6-131). Match drawn.

GOLF

FUKUOKA, Japan: KBC Augusta Open tournament: First round (Japan unless stated): 68: R Floyd (US), F Minoza (Phil). 67: K Takahashi, M Kawumura. 69: K Murota, G Marsh (Aus), B Franklin (Can). 69: S Fujita, Y Mizumaki, H Shigenobu. British score: 71: P Hoad.
SELSDON PARK: Pro-Shot PGA Junior championship: First round: Boys: 73: R Walton (Calcot Park). 74: A Johnson (Heysham), B Boyle (Balmoral), S Browne (Hermitage). 75: M Pearson (Abbeydale). 76: J Pugh (Whitchurch), J Harris (Nevill), M Craven (Doncaster), G Johnson (Gillingham). Girls: 73: G Simpson (Cleckheaton and District). 76: B Jones (Denbigh), L Tupholme (Northcliffe). 77: J Moodie (Windyhill), S Forster (North Foreland). 78: C Topping (Torquay), C Malone (Alnwick).
ST MELLONS, Cardiff: South-Western girls championship: 146: S Boyes (Glamorgan). 74, 72. 153: E Fields (Cornwall). 80, 73. 161: K Alderman (Devon), 79, 82.

SNOOKER

STOKE: Mercantile Credit Classic: Third round (England unless stated): M Johnston-Allen bt C Morton, 5-2; K Doherty (Ire) bt E Hendeson (Scot), 5-1; P McPhillips (Scot) bt R Williams, 5-1; M Davies bt J Birch, 5-3; B Harris bt I Graham, 5-3; N Price bt C Edwards, 5-2; S Campbell bt T Meo, 5-2; R Foldvari (Aus) bt D Roe, 5-4; C Roscoe (Wal) bt K Owens, 5-4; J Wych (Can) bt M Smith, 5-3; R Edmonds bt F Chen, 5-4; P Gibson bt J Chambers, 5-4; J Wright bt B Morgan, 5-3. Regal Welsh Open: First round: J Mickie wo B Bennett, scr; F O'Brien (Ire) wo W Werbeniuk (Can), scr; D Henry (Scot) bt F Ellis (SA), 5-1; N Foulds bt G Scott, 5-1; E Hendeson (Scot) bt K Broughton, 5-2; A Harris bt C Grover, 5-4; K Payne bt M Fisher, 5-4; P McPhillips (Scot) bt I Williamson, 5-4; D Clarke (Eng) wo R Grace (SA), scr; A Higgins (N Ire) bt J Delaney (Ire), 5-0; J Ferguson (Eng) bt C Marton (Eng), 5-1.
HONG KONG: Hong Kong Challenge: First round (GB unless stated): S James bt M Hallett, 5-2; G Wilkinson bt T Griffiths, 5-4; D Taylor bt N Foulds, 5-2; J Parrott bt C Thiratsaneopadk (Thai), 5-2. Quarter-finals: S Hendry bt Taylor, 5-3; J Wattana (Thai) bt James, 5-0.

POWERBOATING

GUERNSEY: Gold Cup, first leg: Class I: R Carr (Eng), Cougar Lamborghini, 72.62mph. European four-litre championship, first leg: R Strutton (Eng), Petrol Stainless Steel, 47.22mph. Two-litre: D Fromzer (Eng), Another Le Gopher, 40.03mph. 1.5-litre: B Mellwood (Eng), Phantom Fireflly, 32.91mph. National production II: S Raven (Eng), Hunton Atlas Computers, 49.19mph.

SQUASH RACKETS

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian Open championships: Men: Quarter-finals: R Eyles (Aus) bt C Walker (Eng), 6-15, 15-14, 15-9 12-15, 15-14; T Nancarrow (Aus) bt A Hill (Aus), 15-5, 15-5, 15-7; G Martin (Aus) bt S Hellstone (Scot), 15-10, 15-12, 17-14; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt J Nicolle (Eng), 15-5, 17-14, 15-9. Women: Quarter-finals: R Lambourne (Aus) bt C Owens (Aus), 15-9, 15-11, 15-13; D Drady (Aus) bt T Myllyniemi (Fin), 15-11, 15-10, 15-10; M Martin (Aus) bt H Wallace (Can), 15-9, 15-11, 15-13; C Jackman (Eng) bt K Teinteino (Fin), 15-6, 15-4, 16-17, 15-4.

YACHTING

BURNHAM WEEK: Sixth day: Class I: 1, Waldorf IV (P J Tolhurst); 2, Blush (R A Stewart); 3, Whizz Bang (J Borrough). Class II: 1, Exotic Bear (L G Billett); 2, Fiona of Burnham (D L Gosney); 3, Senior (Mr and Mrs D Chatterton).
Class III: 1, Harmony 87 (P J Dyer); 2, Xandra (D Willsher and R Brown); 3, Cuckoo of Burnham (R J Smith). Class IV: 1, Scarlet of Arun (N E and S I Holland-Brown); 2, Misty (R Prior); 3, Thistle V (P O Duce). Contessa 32: 1, Red Jacket (D W Lord); 2, Schittle II (Mr and Mrs J Welford); 3, Accelerando (R F Chadney). Dragons: 1, Harlequin (M Holmes and T Allen); 2, Union Jack (M Petter); 3, Avalanche V (T G Weale).

FOOTBALL

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Chelsea 2, Notts County 2; Coventry City 3, Sheffield United 1; Manchester United 1, Oldham Athletic 0; Norwich City 0, Manchester City 0; Nottingham Forest 1, Tottenham Hotspur 3; Sheffield Wednesday 2, Everton 1; Southampton 0, Leeds United 4; West Ham United 3, Aston Villa 1.
RUMBELOWS CUP: First round, second leg: Bradford 3, Stockport County 1 (agg: Bradford win 4-2 on aggregate); Torquay 2, Torquay United 1 (agg: 2-3); Huddersfield 4, Darlington 0 (agg: 4-1); Lincoln City 4, Chester City 3 (aet; agg: 4-4, Chester win on away goals); Middlesbrough 1, Leicester City 1 (agg: 0-4); Reading 0, Cambridge United 3 (agg: 0-6); Scarborough 3, Preston North End 1 (aet; agg: 7-6); Southend United 1, Watford 1 (agg: 1-3); West Bromwich Albion 2, Swindon Town 2 (agg: 2-4).
SKOL CUP: Third round: Aberdeen 0, Airdrie 1; Dunfermline 1, St Mirren 1 (aet; Dunfermline win 3-2 on penalties); Hamilton 0, Heart of Midlothian 2; Kilmarnock 2, Hibernian 3; Partick 0, Rangers 2.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bolton 1, Manchester United 1. Second division: Scunthorpe 0, Hull 0; Stoke 2, Port Vale 1; York City 4, Grimsby 1; Wigan 1, Blackpool 1; Wolverhampton 2, Burnley 1.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Burnham 3, Salisbury 2.
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group three: Oslo: Norway 0, Soviet Union 1.

SHOOTING

MUNICH: World Cup finals: Air pistol (60 shots): 1, Y Wang (China), 580; 2, R Di Donna (It), 580; 3, G Eder (Ger), 580. British placing: 7, M Gault, 576.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
Third division
Stockport v Preston

Fourth division
Halifax v York
Wrexham v Northampton

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Southport v Chorley.

TNT GOLD CUP: First round: (7.45). Carrick v Newry; Ballymena v Cliftonville, Coleraine v Ards; Larne v Ballyclare Comrades; Glenavon v Crusaders; Bangor v Linfield.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EBF championships (Skegness): Open tournament (Worthing).
GOLF: GA European Open (Walton Heath).
POLO: (3.0): Cheltenham Cup (Cirencester Park); Eduardo Moore memorial tournament (RCBPC Windfield); Perth tournament (Perth).
YACHTING: Mirror nationals (Eastbourne).

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SPORT

Gold and glory elude British trio

From DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
TOKYO

AFTER four days of competition and only one medal, Britain made a significant impact on the third world athletics championship here yesterday by winning two silver medals and a bronze. There was still no gold, but how near Roger Black and Sally Gunnell came.

Now, surely, only Liz McColgan can give Britain a world champion. Unless there is to be a considerable upset from one of the second-tier athletes, the task has been left with her. After McColgan's 10,000 metres final today, Britain is likely to be feeding on scraps.

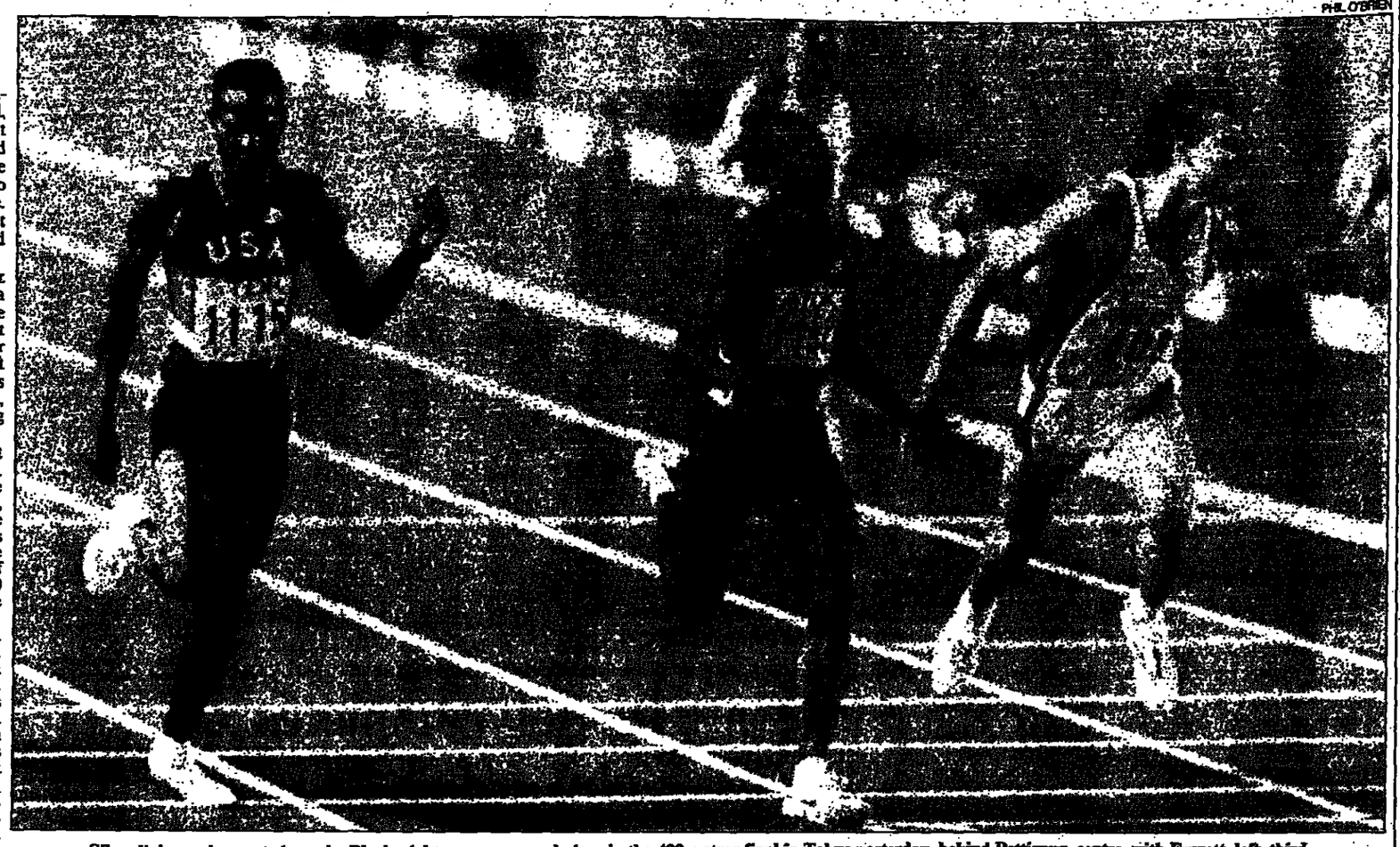
Yesterday was gourmet food without champagne. Tony Jarrett served a bronze in the 110 metres hurdles, then Gunnell a silver in the 400 metres hurdles. So it was up to Black to complete the progression and, coming off the final bend of the 400 metres, he looked as though he would.

Not since Eric Liddell, at the 1924 Olympics, had a British athlete won a global championship in this event. Sixty-seven years of chariots without fire. But Black had two European titles and a Commonwealth one to his name, and this was his first world test.

He stormed away at the start, coming to the shoulder of Antonio Pettigrew, of the United States, in the first 70 metres; 300 metres later the roles would be reversed as Pettigrew's earlier caution rewarded him and allowed him to kick past Black to the gold.

At the start of the home straight, Black had been two metres up. "It is hard to keep the momentum going when you are that far in front," he said. "I did not win gold, but I think I have excelled myself."

That much cannot be disputed. In the four-year gap between his European championship victories, Black was so far down the injury road that he needed a pin inserted in a fractured foot. Doubts began to creep in as he missed the last world championships, in 1987, and the Olympic Games the following year.



PHIL O'BRIEN

Silver lining: a desperate lunge by Black, right, secures second place in the 400 metres final in Tokyo yesterday, behind Pettigrew, centre, with Everett, left, third

The race was surprisingly slow, Pettigrew winning in 44.57sec; Black's 44.62 was not the British record he had been expecting provided the weather had been still, which is was. Danny Everett, another American, was third in 44.63.

Gunnell, though, did break the national record, and did so for the fourth time this season. Who could have asked for more? With another 0.45sec taken off in the final, she has brought it down by almost a second this season. Her 53.16sec made her the third fastest woman 400 metres hurdler in history.

Tatyana Ledovskaya remains ahead of her. Ledovskaya, of the Soviet Union took the gold medal in 53.11sec, after Gunnell had lost a tenth or two chopping her stride pattern coming into the last.

Gunnell's recent form had promoted her to favourite, while Ledovskaya, the European champion, had been quiet since her fall and injury at the Stockholm grand prix some weeks earlier.

"I did not think she was capable of running that fast," Gunnell said. "I came here feeling I was going to get gold." But she was pleased, she said, to have run a time she did not think was in her.

She may be relieved, too, when she watches the replays, that she did not find herself on the deck.

Sandra Farmer-Patrick, on her inside, lost her balance striding away from the last hurdle, and stumbled into Gunnell's lane; had Gunnell not been a metre ahead there would have been an awful tangle.

The curious thing was that Ledovskaya, given that she had looked drained as she almost collapsed on the finish line of her semi-final, should have maintained her speed to the end. She is a renowned fast starter with a dying finish.

Jarrett's third place in the hurdles was a disappointment. He had been expected, in the absence of Colin Jackson, Renaldo Nehemiah and Roger Kingdom, to be second at least, and perhaps even first. But Greg Foster, aged 33, and one of the world's top athletes for 13 years, took the gold.

In doing so, Foster became the first athlete to win three world titles in one event; later in the day, Sergey Bubka followed suit in the pole vault. "I could have done better but it's the one who keeps his head on the day," Jarrett said.

Jarrett made a poor start and was never in the race. Foster won in 13.06sec with his American team colleague, Jack Pierce, running way above his previous best to take the silver in the same time. Jarrett ran 13.25sec.

Injured Bubka rises to the golden challenge

TOKYO (Agencies) — Sergei Bubka demonstrated yesterday just why he is one of the fiercest competitors in sport when he won his third consecutive title at the world athletics championships.

Bubka, taking painkillers for a foot injury, faced a humiliating exit from the pole vault, the event he has dominated since his first world title in Helsinki eight years ago. But he rose to the challenge, clearing 5.95 metres with his fourth vault to take the gold.

Bubka, a Ukrainian, said he did not know whose colours he would be wearing in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona: "For me, the important thing is to participate in the Olympics. Whether under the flag of the Ukraine or the flag of the USSR, I am not sure."

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Chelsea move to sign Jones

By DENNIS SIGNY

VINNY Jones, the Sheffield United captain and midfield player, joined Chelsea football club for £575,000 yesterday, in time to make his debut against Luton Town at Stamford Bridge tomorrow.

The signing was completed after Jones had a medical, and only hours after the Football Association had announced that he and the West Ham United defender, Mitchell Thomas, had been charged with misconduct after an incident at the end of the match between Sheffield United and West Ham United at Bramall Lane last week.

Jones, aged 26, who was a member of the Wimbledon side which beat Liverpool in the 1988 FA Cup final, will team up again with his former colleagues from Plough Lane, Dave Beasant and Dennis Wise. He has figured in two previous costly moves. Leeds United signed him from Wimbledon in 1989 for £650,000, and he won a second division championship medal in his only full season at Elland Road. He joined Dave Bassett, his former manager at Wimbledon, at Sheffield United last September for £700,000.

Jones, who cost Wimbledon £10,000 when he signed from Wealdstone in November 1986, said: "It is time for Chelsea to start battling and get some results and win something. It is a relief to be back in London after being away for two years."

Jones replaces Alan Dickens in the Chelsea side tomorrow. Ian Porterfield, the Chelsea manager, said: "Vinny is a player who can motivate the people around him. We have worked hard as a team but have needed more leadership qualities on the field.

"We have plenty of people who can lead by example but need someone to motivate and point the finger. Vinny will add more grit in midfield. He has been successful in recent years and I hope some of that will rub off here."

Porterfield, who had an earlier bid of £400,000 rejected, moved for Jones after Chelsea's 2-2 draw against Notts County on Wednesday. They have won only one of their opening four games.

☐ The former Arsenal forward, Raphael Meade, has joined Brighton as a non-contract player. Meade, aged 28, is a free agent after a spell with the Danish club, Odense, and scored for Brighton reserves in their win over Fulham on Wednesday night.

Jones: relieved

Individualism exposes the myth of team spirit

DAVID MILLER

TWO silver medals by Roger Black and Sally Gunnell and a bronze by Tony Jarrett did something to rescue Britain's expectations in the world athletics championships in Tokyo yesterday. Black and Gunnell were narrowly beaten for gold in the 400 metres and 400 hurdles respectively: two of the few who have had their focus right this week.

Team spirit is something of a myth as a contributory factor to success in athletics. The sooner some British athletes get this out of their minds, and start concentrating properly, the more likely Britain is to win medals at the major championships.

An impression has grown, at the European championships in Stuttgart in 1986 and Split last year, and in the European Cup and World Cup, that Britain was successful because of the alleged spirit within the squad. Frank Dick, Britain's director of coaching, and Linford Christie, the team captain, understandably fostered the view because it was good for both public relations and added to a euphoric mood. I am convinced that team spirit, when it exists, is high because the results are good, and not the other way round.

In the European Cup and World Cup, in which every point for sixth place instead of seventh is as valuable as second instead of third, team spirit can be a marginal beneficial factor. In the world championships and Olympic Games, competitors are out there on their own, and will succeed or fail on their own combination of ability and willpower. What others may be doing or not doing is irrelevant. Some British athletes in Tokyo have been adversely affected, I suspect, by the misfortunes overtaking their colleagues; pessimism had begun to run through the squad, creating negative team spirit.

Danny Everett, of America, the Seoul bronze medalist and fourth fastest 400 metres runner of the year, put his finger on the truth yesterday evening.

He was temporarily so annoyed with his bronze medal, a hundredth of a second, or a collarbone's width, behind Black, that he almost did not come to the medal press conference. "It [athletics] is entirely up to you," he said.

Of course there is some patriotism within a squad, Everett admitted, but the bottom line has to be exclusive, total, individualism. "When all is said and done, it's down to the individual," Everett said. "After a championships, you can look around at the medals and say 'what a great team this is', but I'm getting tired of being happy for other people."

Great athletic champions are often loners, confident to the point of arrogant, self-orientated to the point of selfishness. They have a singleness of purpose, necessarily, that makes them difficult to live with, which is not to say they are not nice people when they stop running. Yet winning demands characteristics that are less than sociable. While they are running they depend, not unreasonably, on their success on the track for their popularity. Clubbable great runners such as Steve Cram are a rarity.

The notion, therefore, that the British come to Tokyo, or to Seoul or next year to Barcelona, as a team is a nonsense; and part of the problem this week, I believe, is that some of the team have been looking to others to bolster their confidence. When others fail, so did they. The mood in a team in disarray with injury and failure has been in danger of being an epidemic. Black, Gunnell and Jarrett last evening stopped the rot.

"Definitely," Sally Gunnell said, when asked if her success — the fourth fastest time ever — was solely down to her. Gunnell is a runner who off the track is sensitive, modest in her words, and sociable; yet in one of the cruellest of physical events is looking for no emotion cushion from colleagues before she goes to the starting line.

"You like to have a word with those who have not done well," she says, "but it's better to try to keep away from them, to keep your mind on your own aims. It's been difficult ... not a brilliant atmosphere ... with Colin Jackson pulling out just before my semi-final."

But Gunnell did what she meant to do; even if, running so fast, she lost precious split seconds adjusting her stride when finding herself too close to the final hurdle in the home straight alongside her Soviet rival. Her speed and determination, ironically, in one sense cost her the gold medal. It would be invidious to name names, but this is a sport in which you can often judge those who have not got championship medal quality by talking to them rather than watching them perform.

Greg Foster, drawn alongside Jarrett in lane four, got away early and could not be caught, winning his third world title in the same time, 13.06, as the silver medal winner, Jack Pierce. Only Kingdom, Nehemiah and Foster himself, now 33, have run faster. "I'm a team player," Foster said, "but I don't really feel responsible for others. If you're in the right frame of mind, you do what you set out to do."

The British team in Tokyo has done less of what it set out, or expected, to do than was hoped. When they get home, some of them, together with their coaches, have much self-examination to undergo. It is not all bad luck that has limited them.

Graf destroys a helpless rival

From ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
NEW YORK

AS WITH most things, New York creates its own language. Yesterday, the word "druthers" appeared in a national newspaper headline, which confused most Europeans at least. "Druthers" it turned out, means "choice" and, according to the locals, is a contraction of "I'd rather".

Given a choice, Catherine Mothes, who hails from Bègles in the rugby-playing heartland of France, would rather have been anywhere else for the 39 minutes of her "match" against Steffi Graf, the top seed, in the second round of the US Open yesterday.

To call it slaughter would be an understatement. If she had played in the front row for Bègles, the French cup winners, Mothes could not have had a worse mauling. At times even Graf looked a trifle embarrassed as she reeled off 12 straight games. There was just a hint of two of the smashes she obligingly netted owed more to compassion or at least carelessness than incompetence. She even apologised for her superiority at the end. "You don't like to do that to someone," she said. "She didn't seem to have the power or the strokes to win the points."

How then did Mothes get as high as number 114 in the world? How good does that make Marion Maruska, of Austria, who won just seven games off the French woman in the opening round? And what logic is there in Mothes winning $10,000, the same as Jimmy Connors for four hours and 20 minutes? These are old chestnuts for the Women's Tennis Association in their pursuit of equal prize money at all grand slams.

The French women's most distinctive features were her tennis shoes, which were black and made her look even more like a schoolgirl than the scoreboard. At the dictates of the manufacturer, quite a number of players have been wearing black trainers here. I leave condemnation of them to the Wimbledon champion.

"The first word that comes to mind is *ugly*, Graf said. "On a tennis court, white is the colour. It is okay if you have a different colour skirt, but shoes and socks are supposed to be white. Black shoes belong more to a soccer player. I'm sorry about it, but that's my opinion." No need for apologies.

Graf, at least, solved the problem of the heat, which reached the upper 90s yesterday and claimed more victims. She was on and off court so fast, there was little time for even a mild touch of the sunstroke which forced Christian Bergstrom to retire in the third set against Arnaud Boetsch, and Jimmy Brown to withdraw with dehydration before his match with Michael Stich. That was a slice of luck for the Wimbledon champion which might be significant later in the tournament if, as the forecasters promise, the temperature and humidity stay oppressive. Yesterday, the players were shielded by umbrellas held by the ball boys during the changeovers, making the scene more reminiscent of the Raj than Flushing Meadow.

Britain's Jo Durie will need no reminding that, 12 months ago, she suffered badly from the heat against Helena Sukova, who she meets again in the third round today. "I have a hat, an ice-pack for my neck and I am drinking all the water I can get my hands on," she said.

Besides Stich, of the top five seeds, Stefan Edberg, Ivan Lendl and Jim Courier progressed to the third round without losing a set, but Guy Forget, the No. 7 seed, was beaten by the talented Jan Siemerink, of Holland. In the women's singles, defending champion Gabriela Sabatini had a distinctly unconvincing three-set victory over Barbara Paulus, who was forced to retire with an ankle injury when she was match-point down.

Edberg: easy progress

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Too many players elbowing out

By LOUISE TAYLOR

THE dismissal of Stuart Pearce during Nottingham Forest's home defeat to Tottenham Hotspur on Wednesday night was the 29th expulsion of a new season in which referees have been criticised for "robotic" interpretation of the laws, and players for increased indiscipline.

Whatever the reason, the statistics state that dismissals are up by 70 per cent on the corresponding stage last year when 17 players had been shown red cards.

The Football Association confirmed yesterday that Graham Taylor, the England manager, will now be deprived, for the forthcoming friendly against Germany, of the services of Pearce, his first choice left back, and Nigel Martyn, an England squad goalkeeper who was dismissed while playing for Crystal Palace against Wimbledon on Tuesday night.

Ironically Pearce, the Forest captain who has also led England, had collected a fair play award on behalf of the Forest team before their 3-1 defeat. Afterwards Pearce was afforded no excuses by Brian Clough, his manager, who publicly condemned his verbal abuse of the referee.

Martyn, one of three players to be dismissed at Selhurst Park on Tuesday, was sent off for a professional foul by David Elleray, whose decision prompted Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, to berate match officials for a "robotic" interpretation of the rules. "There are no shades of grey anymore, referees should use their noddles," he said.

Martyn fell foul of a Fifa directive issued this summer which toughened up last year's decree outlawing the professional foul worldwide. Now the concept of a "professional foul" has been extended to include punishment for deliberate handball on the goal-line and for [illegible] by goalkeepers outside t[illegible]alty area.

Keith [illegible]ett, a leading referee, said: "The instructions are clear from Fifa that the professional foul will be punished with instant dismissal. They prepared a film to explain it and there have been meetings with clubs and players to make sure they understand the rules.

"We have no alternative but to send off players — it is a mandatory instruction from Fifa aimed at achieving consistency of refereeing. When players and managers accept that situation it will make our job a lot easier. No referee enjoys dismissing a player, but the rules have been spelt out and it is our job to uphold them.

"It is going to be very tough on goalkeepers. But it has been spelt out that they are not exempt from the professional foul charge and if they stop a goalscoring opportunity then they have committed the game's cardinal sin and must take responsibility for it.

"Ultimately the absolute interpretation of the law should rid the game of its cynicism."

Of the ten sendings-off in the first division so far, three have been for elbows in the face, which according to Bruce Rioch, the Millwall manager, "is the main problem today." He said: "The over-the-top tackle does not seem to happen nowadays. There are a lot less bad tackles than when I was playing in the 1970s."

THE SEASON'S SENDINGS-OFF

FIRST DIVISION (10)

Date	Player	Team	Opponents	Offence
Aug 21:	S Farrell	Luton Town	Coventry	elbowing
Aug 24:	J Fashanu	Wimbledon	West Ham	second bookable
	S McMahon	Liverpool	Luton	elbowing
Aug 27:	T Phelan	Wimbledon	C Palace	professional foul
	V Ryan	Wimbledon	C Palace	second bookable
	N Martyn	C Palace	Wimbledon	violent conduct
	A Limpar	Arsenal	Luton	elbowing
Aug 28:	P Harding	Notts County	Chelsea	second bookable
	N Ruddock	Southampton	Leeds	professional foul
	S Pearce	Nottm Forest	Tottenham	dissent

SECOND DIVISION (3): A Melville (Oxford U); J McLaughlin (Watford); A Dobson (Blackburn).
THIRD DIVISION (2): S Thompson (Bolton); P Whiston (Torquay).
FOURTH DIVISION (4): M Hine (Scunthorpe); J Jones (Wrexham); D Statham (Walsall); P Robinson (Hereford).
RUMBELOWS CUP (10): P Stant (Mansfield); S Farnworth (Preston); D Dublin (Cambridge); E Dolan (Birmingham); N Cooper (Reading); K Dillon (Reading); M Leonard (Chesterfield); R Turner (Plymouth); M Hughes (Tranmere); J Moore (Scarborough).
TOTAL: 29.

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